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LAND INVESTMENT MEETING.

A SHAREHOLDER'S CRITICISMS.

CHAIRMAN DEFENDS DIVIDEND POLICY.

One of the largest attended Company meetings held in the Colony in recent years was that of the Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd., which was held to-day at noon in the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine Matheson and Co., Ltd. It had been previously known that a number of questions were to be asked by a shareholder regarding the distribution of profits, and these were put by Mr. Kelly Sayce. The full report is below.

Mr. B. D. F. Both presided and there were also present Sir Paul Chater, Sir Robert Ho Tung, the Very Revd. Father L. Robert, Mr. H. P. White, Mr. A. H. Compton (Directors), Mr. W. E. L. Shenton (Solicitor), Mr. L. S. Greenhill (Secretary) and an extremely large number of shareholders.

THE CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH.

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen,—The report and statement of accounts, together with the auditor's report, having been in your hands for some days, I propose to follow the usual custom and take them as read. The nett profit for the year, after meeting all administrative expenses, amounts to \$3,183,237.51 against \$4,340,186.38 last year.

The latter figure, you will remember, included \$1,306,632.83 gain accruing to our Company as a result of the amalgamation with the Central Estate Company, Limited. I may mention here that in last year's accounts this profit was not included in the balance upon which the Managing Directors' fees were reckoned, and for this reason the latter's commission for the present year exceeds that of 1923 although the actual profits earned by the Company are less.

As regards the profit and loss account, rents are slightly higher, and interest has improved by about \$220,000 as the result of the larger amount advanced on mortgages. The profit on the sale of investments and properties must be regarded in a different light to the regularly earned income of the Company as such gains are non-recurrent, and mean that the revenue from such sources will either cease or decrease. It would therefore, be very detrimental to the interests of the Company to consider distributing by way of dividend and bonus the whole of this money, as it would seriously affect the future earning capacity of the Company, and I think you will agree that it is very desirable for a Company like ours to maintain, as far as possible, an even rate of dividend, and, when the result justifies it, to increase the return to shareholders by payment of a bonus. This is the policy that your Directors have followed. Up to, and including the year 1918, we paid a regular dividend of 7 per cent. on the paid-up value of the shares. The dividend for subsequent years until 1923 has been as follows:—

1919.—A dividend of \$8 and a bonus of \$5, making \$13 in all, which equalled 13 per cent. on par value.

1920.—A dividend of \$8 and a bonus of \$6, making \$14 in all, which equalled 14 per cent. on par value.

1921.—A dividend of \$9 and a bonus of \$9, making \$18 in all, which equalled 18 per cent. on par value.

1922.—A dividend of \$10 and a bonus of \$8, making \$18 in all, which equalled 18 per cent. on par value.

1923, when the shares were split—A dividend of \$3 and a bonus of \$2, making \$5 in all, which equalled a dividend of 20 per cent. on par value, and this year our Directors are recommending a dividend and bonus which shows a return of 26 per cent. on the par value of the shares. To satisfy this, the sum of \$1,500,000 is required, whereas the net receipts, from rentals, interest, etc., total only \$737,972.26, a difference of nearly \$822,000 representing almost 50 per cent. of the gain shown on sales of properties, \$1,874,683.20. Bearing in mind the fact that on the sale of a property only 25 to 30 per

cent. is collected in cash, the balance remaining on mortgages, you will no doubt agree that your Directors are making you the largest possible return consistent in safeguarding the Company's position, and at the same time looking to the future. In this connection I may mention that no sales of property have been effected since last August, nor does the present state of the property market suggest that the Company will find this a material source of profit during the current twelve months, a factor which must not be lost sight of in considering the question of bonus.

The total amount advanced on mortgages is now \$10,845,733.11, against last year \$8,355,258.11, an increase of approximately \$2,500,000, and against this asset we have deemed it prudent to increase Reserve Account by \$1,000,000. The advantages of carrying forward a substantial sum to next year in place of allocating the money to special account is obvious, and calls for no particular explanation.

I have gone into this matter somewhat fully, as a few weeks ago your Directors received a letter signed by a number of shareholders, which suggested that the whole of the profits made by sales of property this year should be distributed as a bonus. The sum of \$2,500,000 was mentioned as being available, whereas the actual figure, as already mentioned, is \$1,874,683.20. The letter received also made mention of the Praya East Reclamation Rights held by the Company as being marketable at \$4,000,000. Doubtless the signatories of this letter failed to appreciate the fact that a large portion of the Company's Reclamation Rights in the Eastern District had been disposed of, and to estimate the present day value of our remaining Lots at \$4,000,000 is very far from the mark, and would require a sale figure of something in the neighbourhood of \$16 per square foot.

Turning to the balance-sheet, you will notice debentures of \$1,500,000 taken over from the Central Estate have disappeared. These were paid off on May 30th last, in accordance with the terms of the sale agreement on Prince's Buildings, the sum being advanced by this Company on the security of a mortgage on the latter Building, expiring in March, 1926. The item "Accounts payable" is considerably higher than last year, as represented by the Company's cash position. The mortgage granted on Prince's Buildings, referred to above, approximately accounts for the difference. We propose to pay a final dividend of \$2 and bonus of \$2.50 per share, absorbing \$1,080,000; pay a bonus to staff of \$8,000; plus to reserve account \$1,000,000; and carry forward \$773,124.38; a total of \$2,861,124.38; and I trust that these proposals will meet with your entire approval.

I now beg to propose the adoption of the report and accounts as presented, and after this has been duly seconded I shall be glad to answer, to the best of my ability, any questions shareholders may wish to put.

SECONDER'S SPEECH.

Mr. Deacon, in seconding, said:—It is easy, sir, for any constant shareholder to say that he seconds a report like this with pleasure—a report that, take it for all in all, is the best in the history of the Company, for it shows an extraordinary stable position at what looks like

proving the end of activity that has prevailed in the local property market for the past few years. For the first ten years of its existence, the Company operated on a capital of two and a half millions and for the past 25 years on one of five millions. To-day its assets are very conservatively put at eleven millions, while from first to last its shareholders will have had some sixteen million dollars distributed to them, if the dividend and bonus now proposed, is approved, as it doubtless will be, being the most generous in the history of the Company. That is a record of which our senior Managing Director may justly feel proud, and on which we should congratulate him as heartily as we way congratulate ourselves. I beg to second the motion from the chair.

SHAREHOLDER'S QUESTIONS.

The Chairman said if there were no questions he would put the resolution to the meeting, when,

Mr. Kelly Sayce rose and said:—I should like to ask one or two questions regarding the balance sheet. Can you please tell me, or tell the shareholders here, how do you arrive at the amount of \$353,693.06 Managing Directors' Fees for 1924? What is the rate of commission and on what account do they charge that amount? Is it on general sales or, on the interest or rent?

The Chairman:—I refer you to Article 95 B in the Articles of Association, which reads as follows:—"In addition to his remuneration mentioned in Article 95 A, each of the permanent and managing directors and/or managing directors shall be entitled to a commission of 3.50 per cent. on the net profits of the Company for each current year in which such net profits amount to \$7 per cent. on the paid-up capital, and to a commission of 5 per cent. on such net profits for each current year in which they amount to \$10 per cent. or upwards on the paid-up capital." The figure for this year is arrived at by taking the balance of the profit and loss account as \$3,183,237.51 and adding to that \$353,693.06, which makes \$3,536,930.60, and if you take ten per cent. of that you get the figure in question, namely, \$353,693.06.

Mr. Sayce:—What are the Directors' ideas in building up such a high profit of \$7,000,000 to the Reserve Fund when our properties are worth, I believe, about four times their book value and knowing very well that our reclamation rights in Wanchai will bring us another three or four millions in the next three or four years?

The Chairman:—The first part of your question has been fully dealt with in my speech. With regard to the second part of the question, about the potential profits you referred to, it will be dealt with when the day arrives. Undoubtedly your Directors will give prudent reasons as they always have done in the past. (Heer, hear and applause.)

Mr. Sayce:—Do you get commission on all loans and mortgages? If so, do you think it is fair for us to leave the money earning about eight per cent. on mortgages and allowing the Managing Directors to reap a good harvest every year while we shareholders have to beg for a better bonus when we have made a good profit like last year—1924? Thank you, Sir.

The Chairman:—I think that your first question is:—Are the Managing Directors entitled to commission on interest and mortgages? I think your first question? Mr. Sayce:—Yes, that is my first question.

The Chairman:—Naturally, as interest on mortgages is the same as rentals and goes into the profit and loss account on which the Managing Directors' fees are reckoned.

Mr. Sayce:—If we make enough to keep us going on mortgages at eight per cent. and we are paying so very large Directors' fees, I do not think there is very much left for us because of the commission paid to Directors according to the Articles of Association. I do not think we are making much by

DEATH OF MR. W. A. J. COOPER.

ANOTHER TYPHOID VICTIM.

Typhoid fever has claimed another well-known local Resident in the person of Mr. W. A. J. Cooper, land surveyor of the public Works Department, who passed away at the Government Civil Hospital this forenoon just after eleven o'clock.

The deceased gentleman, who was only 39 years of age, had been in rather poor health for some time, and he was admitted to hospital just a fortnight ago, his complaint being diagnosed as typhoid. From the first, his condition was regarded with much anxiety, although he rallied once or twice and hope was not completely abandoned. He had a relapse this morning, and passed away as stated.

The late Mr. Cooper came to the Colony in 1911, and ever since had been employed in the Survey Department of the P.W.D. Prior to coming East, he was Engineering Assistant to the Board of Public Works in Dublin (1908-09) and Assistant Engineer of the Baro-Cano Railway, Northern Nigeria (1909-11), following which he was, for a brief period, Assistant Engineer of the Lagos Government Railways in Southern Nigeria. During his residence in the Colony, he made very many friends, by whom his demise will be very genuinely regretted. He leaves a widow and two young daughters, who are at present in the Colony, and with whom the utmost sympathy is felt in their heavy bereavement.

The funeral takes place this evening, passing the Monument at 5 p.m.

THE FRENCH DEBT.

BRITAIN'S SINCERE GOODWILL.

Paris, Feb. 9. The Press recognises the sincere goodwill and conciliatory spirit inspiring the British Note, and consider it forms an acceptable basis for discussion, but, irrespective of party, they consider the various passages vague and obscure, and that they require elucidation before the Government can move further.

Long and delicate negotiations are anyhow regarded as inevitable.—Reuter.

HISTORIC LEYDEN.

HONOUR FOR THE SOVEREIGN.

Leyden, Feb. 9. The three hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the founding of Leyden University has been celebrated by solemn conferment in the historic Pieters Kerk of the degree Doctor of Laws on Queen Wilhelmina, in the presence of the Royal Family, diplomats, University dignitaries, professors and students, after an imposing procession through crowded streets.—Reuter.

keeping money out at eight per cent.

The Chairman:—What is your idea of a dividend then?

Mr. Sayce:—I have no idea. I am only asking questions, Sir.

The Chairman:—If no shareholder has any further questions, I will put the resolution to the meeting.

The resolution was carried without any dissentient vote.

Mr. C. S. Gubbay and the Revd. Father Robert were re-elected Directors. Messrs. Percy Smith, Both and Fleming and Messrs. Linstead and Davis were re-elected auditors at a remuneration of \$750 each, and the Chairman closed the meeting by announcing that dividend warrants could be obtained by applying at the Company's office to-morrow.

THE RACE.

SOME OUTSTANDING PONIES.

Derby and Champion Prospects.

With the annual Race Meeting starting on Monday next, lots of folk who are not of the band of enthusiasts who line the rails on training mornings are wondering what are the outstanding ponies this year and also what are worth watching for place betting. Below will be found a short review of this year's prospects, together with a few tips.

The Meeting will be remarkable for the large number of Derby ponies, there being no fewer than 61 entries for this year's classic event. There are some entirely new stables, and the famous stable of John Peel, which has been a meagre one for some years, comes back again with quite a number of good mounts. Mr. Dynastie has increased his string to 14, while Sir Paul, who will be attending his 60th. Race Meeting this year, has the largest individual stable, with 18 ponies. Mr. L. Dunbar is a new-comer, but at the last moment has been disappointed by the non-arrival of Mr. Ball, who was coming down from Shanghai to ride for him. Pressure of business was the reason.

THE JOCKEYS.

The number of jockeys this year will be sufficiently large to allow of 20 ponies facing the starter in any one race. Those down from Shanghai are Messrs. E. Moller and F. R. Vida (for Sir Paul), Mr. Maitland (for John Peel), Mr. McBain (for Mr. H. P. White), Mr. Crockam (for Messrs. Toeg and Priestley), Mr. A. J. Heard (for Mr. Dynastie), Mr. Hamovitch (for Mr. Rocha), Mr. Encarnacao (for Mr. A. A. Alves), Others expected to arrive are Mr. Pirio, Mr. Morris and Dr. Pratt. Local riders are Mr. Zolensky (for Mr. Remedios), Mr. Gibson (for Dr. Kew), Mr. Harriman (for Mr. Carroll), Mr. Doyle (for Mr. Birkett), Lt. Thompson (for Mr. Dyer), Mr. Seth, Mr. Nomazoo, Mr. Pollock, Mr. Sewell, Capt. Hall and others. There ought to be large fields and good sport.

DERBY PONIES.

The two outstanding Derby entrants are Local Option (John Peel) and King of Hearts (Mr. Dynastie). These two ponies, mixed-breds which come within the height limit, have done some really fast times in the training gallops, and stand out as being the two serious contestants for the event. There are at least three other very good ponies in this class, these being Chicago (Messrs. Dunbar and Stanton), Mr. L. Dunbar's Glimet, and Dr. Kew's Wimera. All these ponies have done the mile and a half inside 3.25 and will give an account of themselves in whatever events they turn out for. Other Derby ponies showing up well are Beauty, Dahila, Arabian Parrot, The Wasp and Saracen, but they are short distance ponies good for anything up to a mile and a quarter.

SUBSCRIPTION GRIFINS.

The bulk of the subscription griffins have again been a disappointment this year. Out of the 90 which arrived in this Colony from Kalgan, only about 30 are left which will face the starter, some having been obviously no good from the start whilst others have "crooked" during the training season. U. ole Dick (owned by Mr. Relyon) is certainly the best, but is not thought to be able to carry off the Valley Stakes, which is too short a distance for him. The mile and a quarter has been done in 2.54.2/5 sec., his gallop on Sunday morning reading:—

37; 1.13; 1.48.1/5; 2.22.1/5; 2.54.2/5. Flying Star is fancied for the Valley Stakes, other good Subs. being Jimmy Lad (Mrs. Teagart), Urgent, Porran II, Teashop, Smart Crook, Poppy Leaf and Mowgli.

OLD PONIES.

Of the Old Ponies, Prince Regent is not at present up to his usual form, but will give a good account in any race in which he is sent out. He ought to win the "Champion" and "St. Paul's" races.

(SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH")

WAR DEBT SITUATION.

PARLIAMENT'S NEXT SESSION.

ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL FUND.

London, Feb. 9. The British Note to the French Government upon the subject of Inter-Allied Debts has had a by no means unfavourable reception in France. Since the Note was despatched in response to an enquiry from M. Clementel, it is to be assumed that the French Government will now have under consideration to drafting of a plan of payment which will accord with the principles laid down in the British Note.

Prominence is given in the newspapers to the possibility of an Anglo-French Conference in London in the near future. This, it is held, might be advantageous, since M. Herriot and Mr. Baldwin have never met, and since there are subjects in addition to that of the debt question which might with advantage be discussed.

Briefly stated, the position in regard to Inter-Allied indebtedness is that Britain's Allies owe her approximately £1,800,000,000, including France's debt which amounts to £625,000,000. Britain owes America the sum of £900,000,000. Britain is repaying America, but her Allies are not repaying Britain. By her offer to relinquish all claim to monies due to her from Eugene over and above the total she has to pay America, Britain is virtually handing over all payments due to her as German reparations to her Allies, and is taking to her own charge the whole of her own war damages plus £800,000,000 of foreign securities devoted by her to the general war effort prior to the entry of the United States. It is common knowledge that Britain is thus involved in financial burdens which call for taxation of her citizens far greater than that imposed in any other country in the world.

PARLIAMENT MEETS TO-DAY.

Budget Being Considered.

London, Feb. 9. Parliament re-assembles to-morrow. The meeting does not mark the opening of a new session, but is merely a continuation

ZINOVIEFF'S LATEST.

FRENCH EXPOSURE.

Paris, Feb. 9. M. Zinovieff has written to M. Marcel Cachin directing the French Communist Party to foster an armed revolt of the masses in North Africa, and announcing the payment of a million and a half francs as a subsidy for this purpose.

The latter, which the newspaper *Liberte* reproduces in full, is marked "Very secret", and dated December 2nd, 1924, signed by Zinovieff in his capacity as President of the Ekki, which is a section of the Third International dealing with the organisation of revolutions in colonies.

good race between Prince Regent, Victoria, (a mare), Local Option and King of Hearts, for it is practically certain that they will all qualify. Other old ponies well worth watching are Gym, Duke of Frisco, and Spotted Sand, the last-named being still a goer. This remarkable pony won the Ladies' Turf in 1920 and has always shown up well. Kingslime, Rayfield and Booran should also be of interest during the race.

of the session which was begun before Christmas. There is no occasion, therefore, for the King to visit Westminster, and there will be no King's Speech.

It is probable that much of the time of Parliament in the session, which continues until late in the summer, will be devoted to the questions of finance, housing, unemployment, agriculture and trade development. The consideration of supplementary estimates for next year and other financial business will engage the attention of the House of Commons, to the exclusion of most other subjects, until Easter.

The Estimates for next year are still under examination. Their consideration in Parliament provides an opportunity for debates which invariably cover a wide field. The Budget will not be introduced until after the Easter Recess.

ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL.

No Danger to Worshippers.

London, Feb. 9. It is stated on behalf of the Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's Cathedral that their expert advisers have assured them that worshippers and sight-seers can continue to frequent the Cathedral in perfect safety. The numbers attending the services, have shown no signs of falling off since the first report regarding the condition of the Cathedral was published.

The amount now raised for the Preservation Fund exceeds £227,000.

LAWN TENNIS.

American Players for Wimbledon.

London, Feb. 9. It is understood that a lawn tennis team of leading American players is coming to England this year and will play in the world championship tournaments at Wimbledon.

SINGAPORE BASE.

POSITION OF JAPAN.

COLONIAL SECRETARY EXPLAINS.

London, Feb. 9. W. C. Bridgeman, the First Lord of the Admiralty, in a speech at Burnley emphasising the need for a base at Singapore, refuted the suggestion that this action might be regarded as likely to cause uneasiness in Japan.

He pointed out that the Japanese Government, whose friendship we value now as we valued their loyal alliance in the Great War, were well aware at the time of the Washington Convention that the project had long been in our minds.

Our action was being taken for the sole purpose of introducing greater economy into the movements of our ships in those waters, not from any expectation of attack from Japan, and still less from any aggressive designs on our part.—Reuter.

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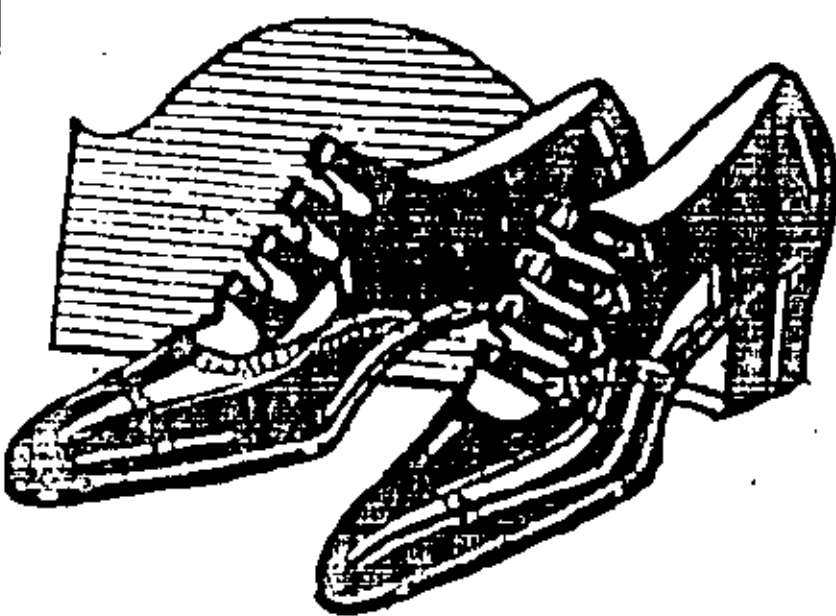


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KOWLOON RESIDENTS' MEETING.

HOSPITAL ARRANGEMENTS CRITICISED.

REPRESENTATION ON LEGISLATURE DESIRED.

Several very important questions affecting the Peninsula were discussed at the annual meeting of the Kowloon Residents' Association held in St. Andrew's Church Hall last evening. One point upon which the chairman (Mr. B. Wyllie) laid great stress, was the inadequacy of the accommodation to be provided at the new Kowloon Hospital and the refusal to allow private medical practitioners to attend their own patients there. Representation of Kowloon on the Legislature of the Colony was also strongly urged.

There was a good attendance of members. Mr. B. Wyllie, who presided, was supported by the officials and members of the Committee.

Proposing the adoption of the Report and Statement of accounts, the chairman said:

Gentlemen.—The report of the General Committee, together with the Hon. Treasurer's Report and statement of accounts, have been in your hands for some days and I will, with your permission, take them as read. I think we can congratulate ourselves on having had a most successful year. We have had an increase in membership, our finances are in a sound condition, thanks to the increased subscription which the annual meeting sanctioned last year, and we have concerned ourselves with good result with many communal matters. As the report reveals, a wide variety of subjects has engaged your Committee's attention, and it has been clearly demonstrated that the usefulness of the Association tends to increase with the growth of Kowloon's population. There is still room for a much larger membership than we have at present, and it is to be hoped that the report now before you will have the effect of inducing those outside our ranks to join and, by their membership and support, strengthen the hands of your General Committee.

Kowloon Hospital.

Before proposing the adoption of the report and accounts, there are one or two matters upon which I would like to say a few words. Those of you who have received the full report and correspondence will doubtless have noticed that in connection with the new Kowloon hospital—the completion of which has been promised for August next—we recently addressed a series of questions to the Government regarding the conditions which will apply to that institution when ready for occupation. We asked, among other things, whether patients would be allowed to have their own doctors, what would be the extent of the accommodation, and whether there would be a maternity ward. The answers to those questions were contained in a letter which we received less than a month ago, and I may say straight away that those answers are extremely disappointing. We are told that the hospital will be conducted on the same lines as other Government hospitals, that there will be accommodation for three first-class patients, eight second-class patients and 29 third-class patients, and that it is not considered necessary to provide a maternity ward at Kowloon because there is already one at Victoria Hospital.

Let me deal with these three most important points in the order in which I have named them. Ever since this Association had anything to do with the hospital question, it has been assumed that when such an institution would be completed patients would be able to have the attendance of their private medical practitioners. As far back June,

1920, two local medical practitioners, Drs. Baleán and Strahan, who were then members of your Committee, undertook, in response to a Government invitation, to examine and report on various sites in Kowloon suitable for a hospital. Their recommendation regarding a site was adopted, but, in speaking on the disadvantages of one particular site, they explained: "As far as European residents in Kowloon are concerned, a hospital five miles away offers little, if any, advantage over the hospitals in Hongkong. It is also a serious disadvantage to the patients to be so far away from their own doctors, for Kowloon residents are most anxious that their own doctors shall continue treatment while they are in hospital."

Statements Undenied.

Now, gentlemen, we had no intimation from the Government that that statement was based on a wrong idea. In October of the same year, at a public meeting held in the Kowloon British School, the then President of our Association, Mr. E. L. Frost, remarked that he "believed that provision would be made for six wards of beds to be reserved for private patients, who could have their own medical practitioners." The Government also allowed that statement to go undenied, whilst in the following month there was a definite public statement by the then Colonial Secretary that it was the Government's intention to allow patients to have their own private doctors. On November 18, 1920, during the debate in the Legislative Council on the Budget for 1921, the Hon. Mr. H. F. Pollock (now Sir Henry Pollock) expressed the hope that private practitioners would be given leave to treat their own patients in the new Kowloon Hospital. In the course of his reply to the debate on behalf of the Government, Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher omitted to make reference to this point, but at the close of his address he was reminded by Mr. Pollock of the omission. I will read you the exact words as I have taken them from the official Hansard report:

"The Hon. Mr. Pollock: One point to which the Hon. Colonial Secretary did not refer was to the question of private practitioners being allowed to attend their own patients in the Kowloon Hospital."

The Hon. Colonial Secretary: That is the intention of the Government."

A Change of Front.

And so you see, gentlemen, that for over four years we have been led to believe that when this hospital is completed, Kowloon residents will be able to go to hospital and enjoy the continuance of treatment by their own doctors. When the Government tells us that the hospital will be conducted on the same lines as other Government hospitals, it means the exclusion of general medical practitioners. That means that the Government has not kept faith with Kowloon



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people. In 1920 it pledged itself to meet the wishes of Kowloon residents in this regard and we would now like to know the circumstances which have led to this change of front. (Hear, hear).

So far as the accommodation is concerned, we feel it is miserably inadequate regarding first and second patients. We are fully aware that it is only the first portion which is being completed by August next, and that extensions will be made from time to time, but surely the Government realises that the provision of three first-class and eight second-class beds is very much less than is at present necessary if all the paying hospital patients from Kowloon are to go to the new hospital.

The information that there is to be no maternity ward in the hospital is, I venture to claim, the greatest disappointment of all, more especially for our womenfolk (Hear, hear). To tell the women of Kowloon that they cannot have a maternity ward in the new hospital because there is one at Victoria Hospital on the Peak and because the ward would have to be a separate building with a separate staff is to deny them their rights to consideration as the mothers of our children. The birth of a child at night whilst the mother was crossing the harbour to hospital in Hongkong has not been an unknown happening, and when this Association pressed for a hospital on this side of the har-

bour it had in mind the removal of least one great disability from which the women of Kowloon have suffered far too long. I could say much more on this matter, but I think your imaginations—and, I hope, the imaginations of our Government officials—can fill in all the other considerations as to why a maternity ward in any new hospital for Kowloon should be an indispensable provision.

Taking this subject of the Kowloon Hospital as a whole, after many years of waiting and the expenditure of many thousands of dollars, what are we promised? I venture to state that keen disappointment has been felt by every Kowloon resident, and I propose, (Continued on Page 2, 3 and 4.)

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KOWLOON RESIDENTS' MEETING.

(Continued from Page 2)

A little later in this meeting, to move a resolution to be forwarded to the Government expressing the hope that a suitable revision be made in its proposals regarding the institution. (Applause).

Housing.

I would like to pass on to the very important question of housing, in connection with which it has recently been announced that a discussion will shortly take place in Council regarding the advisability of renewing the Rents Ordinance for a further term after its expiry in June next. It has been stated that the Government has a perfectly open mind on the matter. For my own part I do not think that much argument is needed to prove that some form of rent control is still an imperative necessity in the general interests of the Colony's residents. If the present Ordinance is allowed to lapse without the institution of some other form of rents protection, we shall undoubtedly witness a general all-round increase of rentals. It has been stated in newspaper correspondence that there are thousands of vacant flats to let in Kowloon, and even if that statement be true, I would like to ask whether the removal of the present Ordinance would fill them. The only effect, so far as one can see, of the removal of the present Ordinance would be to permit of a general increase in the rentals charged for pre-1921 properties and could not affect post-1921 properties, for which extremely high rents are already being demanded. Has the Ordinance militated against the building of new houses? We all know that the answer is an emphatic "No." As an Association, we strongly urge that protection to tenants is still a vital necessity, and we look to the Government to continue to safeguard the interests of tenants in general. (Applause).

Kowloon Representation.

There is, gentlemen, one other subject upon which I should like to say a few words. I refer to the question of representation of Kowloon on the Legislative of this Colony. This raises an issue of extreme importance, and also, let it be admitted, one of considerable difficulty. I am sure that you all recognise, gentlemen, as I do, that there is, besides the European community, a very large Chinese population here on the mainland, whose interests deserve just as much consideration as do those of the non-Chinese element. Moreover, direct and specific representation of Kowloon on the Legislative body of the Colony would naturally involve some departure from precedent. Nevertheless, I cannot see that these are insuperable obstacles. It would be possible, without departing from the present nominative system, to evolve some scheme whereby both Chinese and European interests in this rapidly-developing peninsula would have a far more direct voice than at present in the making of our laws and more especially in guiding municipal activities. I need hardly point out to you that one of the objects of this Association deals with this subject in the following words: "To consider, and, as may from time to time appear needful, approach the Government with a view to obtaining adequate representation of these districts on the Legislature." So far, gentlemen, no such representations have been made to the Government. We have, and I think quite rightly, deemed it wise to first of all place this Association on a sound and useful basis. It is now precisely five years since the K.R.A. was inaugurated, and I think we can, without being in any way guilty of the sin of vanity, look back on a career of considerable utility and point with some measure of pride to a record of beneficial achievement on behalf of the whole community. We have always endeavoured to work in the closest co-operation with the Government, and from the frequent expressions of thanks received from high quarters we can, I think, claim that our objective has been achieved. The Kowloon Residents' Association has fully justified its creation. Its activities have been directed by men with a collective and intimate first-hand knowledge of the affairs of the peninsula—men who know Kowloon's needs because they come in daily contact with its life. We fully appreciate the sympathetic manner in which the Unofficial Members of Council have, in the past, championed our cause,

but we do not think that there can be any adequate substitute for Kowloon men to represent Kowloon needs. (Hear, hear).

Peculiar Problems of the Peninsula.

The remarkable development of the mainland which we have witnessed in recent years, and which is still continuing, makes it imperative that more time and attention should be given to the peculiar problems of the peninsula, and we want to feel that the Government has access to well-informed, first-hand advice in dealing therewith. We gladly recognise and fully appreciate the fact that in several matters of high importance to the welfare of Kowloon, the Government has been at pains to consult those who might be presumed to be capable of offering useful advice, but we think the time is coming, if it has not already arrived, when more adequate means should be available for the representation and safeguarding of the interests of all communities on this side of the harbour. The question of the precise method by which such an end might be reached need not be discussed in detail at the moment. Without in any way throwing the Constitution of the Colony into the melting-pot, it ought to be possible, perhaps by tacit understanding, that when His Excellency nominates Unofficial Members of the Legislative Council, at least one of these should be a Kowloon man. That, we consider, is not an unreasonable proposal, and the benefit of such an arrangement would, we feel sure, be felt as much by the Government as by the people concerned. With that germ of an idea, we can, I think, gentlemen, leave this highly-important and growingly-urgent matter. (Applause).

There are several other matters upon which I could touch, but I think the report in your hands deals fully with the work of the past year and that you can safely leave current and future questions to the care and consideration of the in-coming Committee.

I now beg to propose the adoption of the report and accounts, as presented, and should be glad if someone will kindly second that proposal. (Applause).

The speech was received with applause and Mr. S. W. Bailey rose to second the proposal. In so doing he said: "I heartily join in congratulation upon the excellent results of the work of the Association during the year and upon our improved financial position. To achieve these results your Committee have worked very hard, dealing with traffic, lighting, communications, ferry service, children's playground and many other matters, all for the improvement of Kowloon and for the betterment of its homes and its residents, and, surely every resident not already a member should now join the Association to take his or her part in its work, and not stand idly by, withholding their support from the men who so freely give their time and best efforts in the interests of all."

Hospital and Typhoons.

"The accommodation, especially for first and second class patients, in the new Kowloon Hospital appears most inadequate, while in this populous and quickly growing Kowloon a hospital without a maternity ward is unthinkable. Without such a ward, maternity cases, with all their suffering and risk of the lives of our wives and children must be exposed to the discomforts and serious loss in time of a journey to Hongkong, occupying at least one hour, instead of to our own hospital in 15 minutes, and if, as during typhoon weather, the ferry service to Hongkong be stopped, and possibly no doctor readily obtainable in Kowloon, we may readily imagine the possible consequences. The hospital, in my opinion, is not complete nor adequate to the needs of Kowloon without a maternity ward, and this, too, of the very best and most efficient type and staff. (Hear, hear).

The Government have always been ready to meet our just and reasonable requirements and will, I am sure, meet us sympathetically in this matter when we can put forward the necessary facts and figures for a business like grasp and view of the matter. We must remember that in the present chaotic state of China and the rapid expansion of the Colony, our Government has its hands full and cannot be expected to so fully realise our needs as we ourselves do. The number of maternity and other hospital cases in Kowloon for the past year may be obtained,

and with a reasonable allowance added for future increase of population, we could put forward a case which could be readily dealt with by Government in a business like way. I must say I feel very strongly indeed on this question of the maternity ward.

Tenants Without Redress.

I also endorse, and in the strongest manner, the statement just made regarding housing and rents control. Houses are almost unobtainable and their fittings and workmanship usually cheap and inferior. Tenants have no redress but to pay for repairs and renewals themselves as, being unable to obtain other houses, they are helpless under their landlords. The removal of rents control would certainly result in a heavy increase of already excessive rents, and with the result that men could not live here and keep their wives and families on their present salaries. In this statement I include the manual workers, whose houses are in many cases no credit to the Colony and their rents already excessive. (Hear, hear).

Some years ago the Government lent money to landlords at 5 per cent. to buy laid and build house, the landlords I understand being allowed to charge 8 p.p. upon this money. I must point out that the money so lent to the landlords was money made by the workers of the Colony. By workers I mean all those who by hand or brain, down to the humblest coolie, contribute to the trade industries and taxes of this Colony, and it is not right that Landlords who build house and such houses, at a profit to themselves should now be allowed, after several years depreciation of the houses, to increase the rents of the people from whom the money was derived. (Hear, hear). Moreover, repeal of the Rents Ordinance would very adversely affect Chinese shopkeepers in the Kowloon Peninsula, not only making it difficult for them to obtain a living but also increasing the cost of the necessities of life to the people every year. If wages and salaries be increased to meet the cost to employees of a rise in rent the trade and industries of the Colony must fall off and its revenue decline as the Colony can no longer hold its own in competition with other ports. That is the position. I beg to second the adoption of the report and accounts.

The motion was put to the meeting and carried unanimously. The chairman then said "As I indicated in my remarks just now, I think (Continued on Page 5)



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Secretary of the Board,
W. F. SIMMONS,
Hongkong, 4th February 1925.

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Notice is hereby given that the
Ordinary Yearly General Meeting
of Hongkong Tramways Limited
will be held at the Offices of
Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and
Company, Limited, on FRIDAY,
the 27th day of February, 1925, at
12 o'clock noon, to transact the
ordinary business of the Company.
And Notice is hereby also given
that an Extraordinary General
Meeting of Hongkong Tramways
Limited will be held at the offices
of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and
Company, Limited, on FRIDAY,
the 27th day of February, 1925, at
12.15 o'clock in the afternoon,
when the Subjoined Resolutions
will be proposed as Ordinary
Resolutions:—

(1) That the authorised Capital
of the Company (which is
now \$1,625,000 consisting
of 325,000 shares of the nomi-
nal value of \$5 each of
which the whole have been
issued) be increased to
\$3,250,000 by the creation
of 325,000 additional shares
of the nominal value of \$5
each ranking for dividend
and in all other respects
pari passu with the shares
constituting the Company's
present issued Capital.

(2) That it is desirable to capi-
talise the sum of \$1,625,000
being part of the undivided
profits of the Company
standing to the credit of
Company's Reserve Fund
and accordingly for the
purpose of effecting such
capitalisation in pursuance
of Article 128 of the Com-
pany's Articles of Association
a bonus of \$5 per share
on the issued shares of the
Company be and the same
is hereby declared and that
the Directors be and they
are hereby authorised to
satisfy such bonus by the
distribution amongst the
persons who are registered
as holders of the present
issue of shares of the Com-
pany on the 27th day of
February, 1925, of one of
the newly issued shares of
the Company credited as
fully paid up in respect of
every one existing share of
the Company held by such
persons as aforesaid and
that such new ordinary
shares rank for dividend and
in all other respects pari
passu with the shares al-
ready issued.

Dated the 10th day of February,
1925.

W. F. SIMMONS,
Secretary.
Russell Street,
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Hongkong, 9th February 1925.

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John Hennessey Seth and Daniel
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FLEMING in Hongkong and
FLEMING, PERCY SMITH &
SETH in Manila P. I. has been
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and responsibility of John Hen-
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Incorporated Accountants.
Hongkong, 9th February 1925.

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Victoria, on Thursday, the 26th
February 1925 at 11 o'clock a.m.
for the purpose of receiving a
statement of accounts and the
report of the General Managers
for the year ended 31st December
1924, and electing a Consulting
Committee and Auditors.

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Company will be closed from
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until Thursday 26th February
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SHEWAN TOMES & CO.
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1925, at 12 o'clock Noon for the
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the Directors, together with a
Statement of Accounts, declar-
ing a Dividend and electing
Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of
the Company will be CLOSED
from THURSDAY, 5th February
to THURSDAY, 19th February
1925, both days inclusive, during
which period no transfer of shares
can be registered.
By Order of the Board of
Directors,
JOHN ARNOLD,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 14th January, 1925.

NOTICE.

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YEARLY MEETING OF
SHAREHOLDERS will be held
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Company, No. 10 Des Voeux Road
Central, at 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb.
the 14th, 1925 for the purpose of
receiving the Report of the
Directors together with a State-
ment of Accounts for the year
ending 31st December, 1924.

The Transfer Books of the
Company will be closed from
Saturday, 7th February to Satur-
day, 14th February, 1925, both
days inclusive) during which
period no transfer of shares can
be registered.

By Order of the Board of
Directors,
KAN TUNG PO,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, January 31, 1925.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
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of the shareholders in this
Corporation will be held at the
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day, the 21st February 1925, at
11.30 a.m. for the purpose of re-
ceiving the Report of the Court
of Directors together with a
statement of accounts for the year
ending 31st December 1924.

The Register of shares of the
Corporation will be closed from
Monday the 9th February to
Saturday the 21st February 1925
(both days inclusive) during
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KOWLOON RESIDENTS' MEETING.

(Continued from Page 3.)

the question of the conditions to govern the new Kowloon Hospital is so important that this publicly convened meeting of Kowloon residents should send a strong expression of opinion to the Government. I, therefore, beg to move:

"That the residents of Kowloon, assembled at the annual meeting of the Kowloon Residents' Association, wish to record their sense of keen disappointment at the Government's proposals regarding the regulations to govern the operation of the new Kowloon Hospital and desire to press for the following conditions:

(1) That general medical practitioners be allowed to attend patients at the hospital in accordance with the Government's earlier promise.

(2) That more accommodation be provided for first and second class patients.

(3) That the provision of accommodation and staff for the admission of maternity cases is considered imperative and that steps be taken to provide for the admission of such cases immediately upon the opening of the institution; and

(4) That it be an instruction to the incoming General Committee to forward these resolutions to the Government to press for their fulfilment."

Mr. R. Packham seconded and the motion was carried.

Mr. Bailey Elected President.

The Chairman then rose to propose the election of Mr. W. S. Bailey as president of the association for the ensuing year. He said Mr. Bailey had been a member of the committee some time and last year was their vice-president. He had taken a great interest in the association and in all that pertained to Kowloon. Mr. Stokes seconded and Mr. Bailey was elected amid applause.

The following officers were then elected for the coming year.

Vice-president, Mr. L. E. Lam-mert; hon. treasurer, Mr. A. J. J. Martin; hon. secretary, Mr. D. A. Goodwin; General Committee, Rev. Father Spada, Rev. G. R. Lindsay, Rev. J. H. Johnstone, Dr. J. C. Macgowan, Messrs. B. Wylie, J. M. Alves, S. L. Hadden, A. V. Toffe, W. Forsyth, J. E. Anderson, T. T. Laurensen, T. E. Arnot, A. Morley, C. F. Mindham, A. Ogilvie, L. Jack and W. Hyde.

Hard Working Officials.

The chairman paid tribute to the services of Mr. Martin as treasurer and to Mr. Morley as secretary for the great work they had done during the past year. In moving nominations for the committee he mentioned that many old members were proceeding home and mentioned in particular Mr. R. Packham. He said he would be much missed. It was in his house that the meetings leading up to the inauguration of the association were held. He had served on their committee. He was not heard often when there but when he did speak it was to the point. They were sorry to lose him. (Hear, hear).

The chairman also mentioned that he had received great help

from the committee during the year. It was a very large committee, there being seventeen on it, but it had worked well and there had been a high average attendance, nearly fifteen he understood. (Applause).

Rents Question Discussed.
On the meeting being thrown open to general business Mr. R. J. Vint remarked that in connection with the Rents Ordinance it seemed to him that the landlords' chief objections to it was that tenants could sublet flats at a very much increased rental. That was their sore point. He wondered whether the suggestion could be made that the point be looked into when the Rents Ordinance was revised or amended in any way.

Mr. W. J. Stokes said he had seen in the Hongkong Telegraph that Mr. Humphrey had been saying that he was not getting seven p.c. on his money but last year he paid a dividend of 15 p.c., paying \$1.50 on each \$10 share. If his (the speaker's) arithmetic was correct that was 15 p.c. (Laughter).

Mr. Purves mentioned certain premises that had recently been erected. He had seen them and was astounded that the authorities had permitted such places to be put up. In one room the tenant did have God's light but in the other he hadn't even God's fresh air. The Government's attention should be drawn to such things.

Ordinance For Chinese Houses.

Mr. Vint added that he had seen several like that. The layouts were not suitable for European people. They were more suited to Chinese people. Very few were laid out in any way approaching decent manner on the Kowloon side of the harbour. He wondered if there was any way of getting a better type of building erected. Surely the Government could indicate to builders the style of building that was required.

Mr. A. Ogilvie remarked that he thought he could explain matters for Mr. Vint. The present Public Health and Buildings Ordinance was designed in 1903 to meet the question of Chinese houses and nothing more, and they therefore found architects to-day doing their best to try to design European houses with an Ordinance which applied to Chinese houses and nothing more.

Non-Paying Members.

The Association treasurer, Mr. Martin, before the conclusion of the meeting, rose to propose an alteration of the rules of the Association. As they stood the rules did not provide for members who fell into arrears with their subscriptions. Most associations had in their constitution a rule for dealing with members whose annual subscriptions fell into arrears for one, two or three years as the case might be. Their present rules had no such provision. They could understand a man dropping into arrears for one year but when it came to the second it meant that a man had lost interest. He therefore proposed the adoption of rule 14a, "If the subscription of any member be unpaid for two consecutive years then the general committee shall have power to delete his name from the list of members."

Mr. Stokes said he seconded that with great pleasure. (Laughter).

GOLF.**THE JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP.**

The qualifying round of the Junior Championship was played at Peking on Sunday. There were 45 entries, but only 34 cards were returned. On the whole the scores were poor. One of the lowest was disqualified owing to playing two consecutive strokes and holing out with the wrong ball.

Colonel Dobbin had the best return, a card of 89; J. W. Franks was next with 90, Colonel E. D. Matthews 91, A. Morrison 92, Major Milner Jones and Capt. Joll 93, F. N. Young 94. There were only sixteen scores under 100. It looks as if J. W. Franks, twice a finalist and once before a winner of this event, has the top half of the draw at his mercy, but it is always difficult to forecast what will actually happen in these 18-hole matches.

Colonels Dobbin and Matthews, Major Milner Jones, R. H. L. Gompertz, F. N. Young and G. B. Hett are all in the lower half, and it is not easy to make a selection from these.

CROWN LAND SALES.**FOUR LOTS SOLD.**

Four lots of Crown land were sold at an auction at the Volunteer Headquarters yesterday afternoon.

Despite the small attendance, the first sale aroused keen competition between two parties. The property has an area of 1800 square feet and is situated at Ka Pui Shek, Kowloon. The upset price was \$2,700. It steadily rose by small bids to \$4,555, at which price the land was knocked down to Mr. Cheng Lu-tong.

Three other lots at Taun Wan were next sold, in each case at the upset price. The results were: Taun Wan Inland Lot No. 8 (30,000 square feet); purchaser, Mrs. Bang Hui; price \$600. Taun Wan Inland Lot No. 9 (37,300 square feet); purchaser, Mr. Edgar L. Yung; price \$746. Taun Wan Inland Lot No. 10 (26,000 square feet); purchaser, Mr. Ng Si-chi; price \$592.

RUSSO-JAPANESE TREATY.**RATIFICATION EXPECTED SHORTLY.**

Peking, February 9.—The courier who conveyed the signed copy of the Russo-Japanese Treaty to Tokyo returned yesterday. The Japanese Cabinet discussed the Treaty, which is expected to be ratified in a few days.—*Reuter.*

DR. SUN'S CONDITION.**TEMPERATURE NORMAL.**

Peking, February 9.—Dr. Sun Yat-sen's temperature this morning was normal, and his pulse 100.—*Reuter.*

The motion was carried unanimously. In conclusion Mr. B. Wylie tendered a vote of thanks to the vestry of St. Andrew's for the use of the hall for the meeting.

NOTICE.**NOTICE.****THE HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.****RACE MEETING 1925.**

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Hongkong, February 2, 1925.

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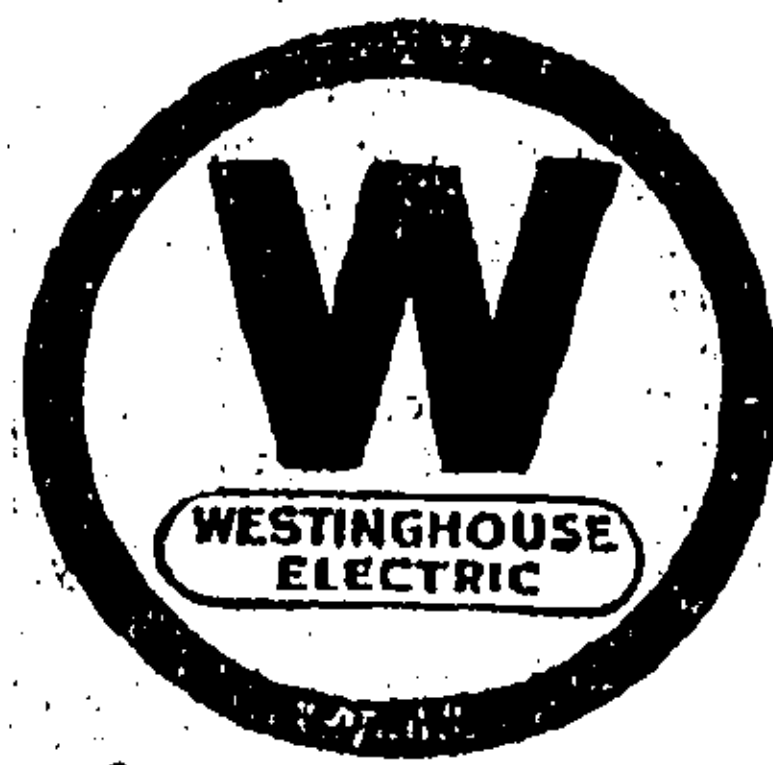
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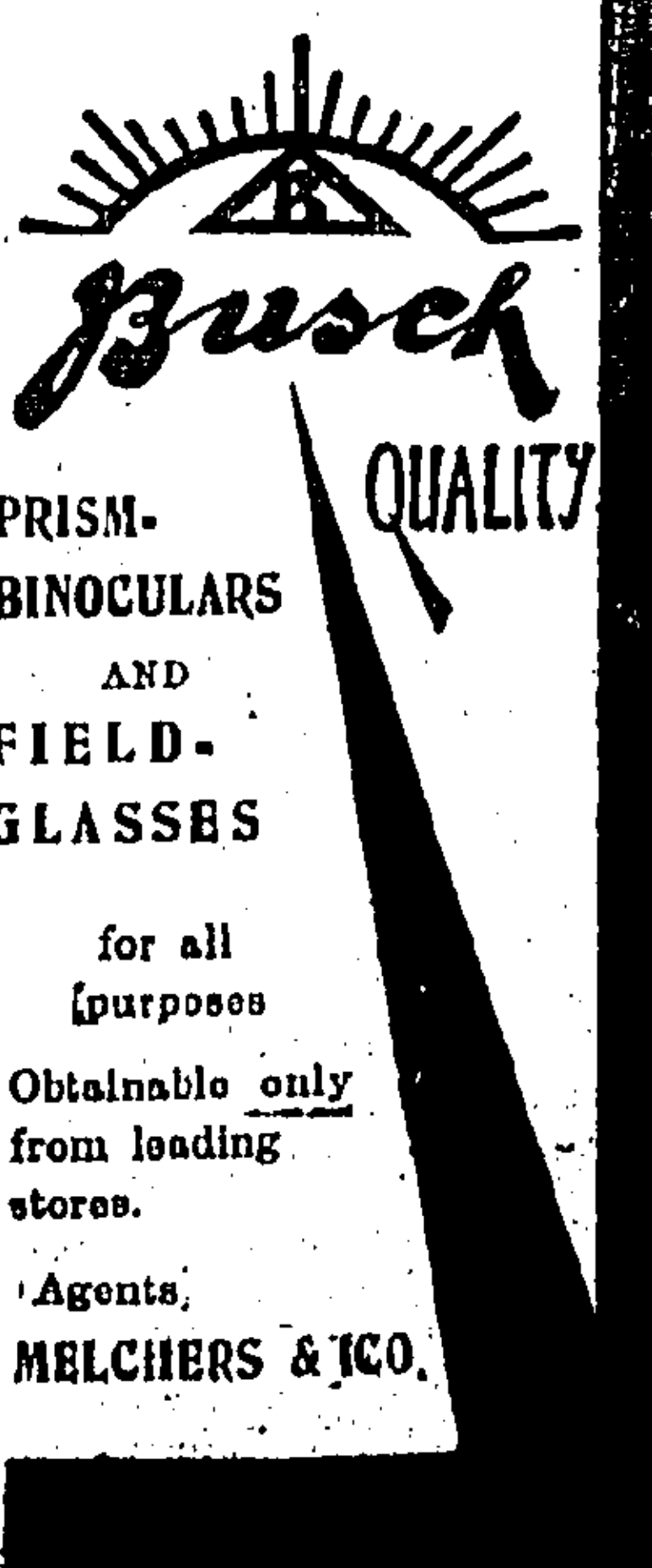
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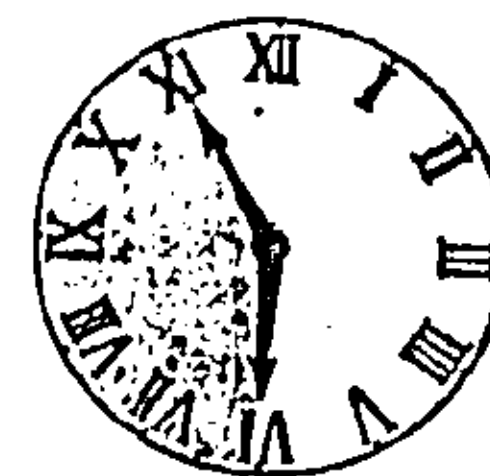
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KOWLOON HOSPITAL.

Kowloon has waited long for its hospital, and it has to wait longer still. Even when the institution is ready for occupation, we fear that the expectations of the public will not be realised, judging from the statements made at last night's meeting of the Kowloon Residents' Association. It is true, as was pointed out, that the premises will be capable of extension—and well they need to be; for after long and weary waiting there will only be accommodation, to start, for three first-class, eight second-class and twenty-eight third-class patients. This can only be described as utterly inadequate, especially from the standpoint of the European community. Another point which has caused the greatest possible disappointment is the announcement by the Government that there will be no maternity ward in the hospital. Why that decision has been reached we do not know, and it is the more mystifying when we recall that one of the conditions laid down in the provisional agreement with the Maryknoll Mission was that a certain number of the Sisters were to be qualified in midwifery. If there was to be no maternity ward in the hospital, why was such a stipulation made? In any event, the necessity of such a ward is quite obvious. It is asking far too much to require expectant mothers to make the trip across the harbour to enter hospital once Kowloon has its own institution where such cases could easily be handled.

Finally, there is the matter of private medical practitioners being allowed to attend their own patients in the new hospital. Until the recent receipt of a letter from the Government on the subject, it was all along taken for granted that such an arrangement would be possible. Indeed, as was pertinently pointed out at last night's meeting, the Government itself professed that to be its intention during the Budget debate four years ago. Now the K. R. A. is calmly informed that no such conditions will apply. Such a complete volte face needs explaining. More than that, the revised decision should be reversed and the original intention put into effect. That is what Kowloon residents expect, and they will not be satisfied until

their wishes are met. From whatever standpoint we look at this Kowloon Hospital question, we cannot free ourselves from the idea that the community across the harbour is being rather shabbily treated. This must be especially disappointing to the Kowloon Residents' Association, which has worked so hard and so consistently to secure the hospital, and in justice to whose efforts there should be shown by the authorities a willingness to concede the reasonable demands now made.

An Analogy.

The latest news about a "rum-running" vessel being captured by American prohibition agents recalls the continuance of the smuggling activities of ships which are specially chartered for the business and which bring the parties concerned quite a small fortune every time a successful landing is made. It appears that the profits are such that it is worth while running the risk of detection and seizure of the vessel, besides the fines which can be imposed on the crew. The men manning these ships must also be adequately compensated, and well paid, for them to run the risk of injury and imprisonment. It is doubtful whether there is anything remarkable about the statistics which were recently published and showed that the majority of the vessels engaged in rum-running are apparently of British ownership. The size of our mercantile marine, the almost national industry of whisky-distilling, and the convenience of our situation for operations against the United States coast, lend themselves to the enterprise. But there is nothing attractive to the observer about this smuggling business. To begin with it is illegal trafficking in an acknowledged evil, and then it is operating against the laws of a friendly nation. What we would draw particular attention to at present, however, is the suggestion that this constant war against "bootleggers" holds with reference to the big discussion that is going on about opium and other drugs. When one observes the huge expense, and multifarious machinery of organisation, which liquor prohibition requires in order to wage a war against illegal traffic, and the small success obtained on the whole, it occurs to one that the magnitude of the effort which will be required for proper control of drugs might well be stupendous, for it would not concern one nation alone but several the world over.

Lauder.

The majority of English-speaking residents of this Colony have not yet either seen or heard Sir Harry Lauder, and to them his advent in Hongkong will be of particular interest. No one, however, requires to be told anything about Sir Harry—or just Harry Lauder as he will always be to his admirers—either with reference to his skill as an entertainer, his private life, or his remarkable career. All that has appeared in print many times over. There is, however, a special fame attached to his name which will draw full "houses" here, and we venture to predict that not among the least enthusiastic purchasers of tickets will prove to be those who have heard him on the stage before. For his has become almost a national figure, and no matter where one has seen him before it brings back old memories. Again, without desiring to detract from Sir Harry's acknowledged genius as an entertainer, there is the glamour attached to his name which makes it as much a fashion as anything to be able to say one has attended his show. But deep down, whether one is inclined to be critical, as some are, of the "fuss" which his appearance is creating, or whether one happens to belong to the band of his devoted admirers, there remains the fact that he can entertain—and that assures his audience, anywhere and always, of an enjoyable evening in his company.

ARMS HAUL.

SEIZURE FROM A SHIP.

Seizure of six rifles, 27 revolvers and several thousand rounds of ammunition by Revenue Officers on board the *Sing On*, on Sunday night, led to the appearance before Mr. N. L. Smith, this morning of a man on a charge of being in possession of these arms. On the application of the Chief Revenue Officer, the case was remanded.

DAY BY DAY.

COURAGE LEADS TO HEAVEN;
FEAR, TO DEATH.—Seneca.

His Excellency Major General Luard, the new G. C. C., yesterday paid his official visit to the Commander-in-Chief of the China Squadron.

Two masters of passenger boats were each fined \$10 by the Marine Magistrate this morning for carrying five passengers in excess of the number allowed by their licences.

The Hongkong A. D. C. gave another fine production of "Saint Joan" at the Theatre Royal last night, the proceeds being in aid of the St. Paul's Cathedral Restoration Fund. There was a large audience present.

"The Value of Theosophy" will be the subject of this week's public lecture of the Hongkong Lodge of The Theosophical Society, 16 Queen's Road Central, on Wednesday February 11th, at 5.45 p.m. The public are invited.

A Peking message to the *Daily Bulletin* in regard to the capture of Shenglung says that according to foreign and official telegrams the Canton forces were assisted by an armoured train consisting of a locomotive and two cars entirely manned by Soviet Russians.

In the Captain's Cup Competition, played at Fanling from 7th to 9th inst., Col. R. A. Dobbin qualified with a score of 77 and won the medal. Col. Matthews won the optional pool with a total of 79, whilst other scores were:—Mr. J. B. Ross, 80; and Mr. J. W. Franks, 80.

According to the *Canton Gazette*, draft regulations have been issued, on the order of the Civil Governor, prohibiting the use of foreign currency in Kwangtung province, those stating that "the national currency is the only legal tender in direct transactions."

The following forthcoming weddings are announced:—Mr. David Grommond Gow, chief clerk of the Kowloon Dock Company, to Miss Mary Reid Easson, 13, The Peak; Mr. John MacKenzie, broker, No. 5, South View Avenue, to Miss Hannah Wong, No. 7, Seymour Terrace.

Just in time for the coming Races, the second volume of the Hongkong Racing Record makes its appearance. It contains records compiled by "Argus" of local racing during the past year, and an improvement in the make-up of the book has been made whereby the form of each pony can be seen at a glance.

In connection with the reception which is being given on Friday, at 5.30 p.m., in St. Andrew's Church Hall, Kowloon, to Bishop and Mrs. Duppy, the band of the East Surrey Regiment will, by kind permission of Lieut.-Col. Montague Bates, play in the grounds during the evening.

To a large and appreciative audience at the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel last night, members of the World Renowned Quartette gave a most enjoyable concert. Regret was expressed at the absence, through indisposition, of the talented pianist, Miss Dorothy Dawson Campbell, but Mr. Percival Garratt deputised for her.

Last week's health return shows seven cases of typhoid (one British and six Chinese), of which four were fatal; nine fatal cases of cerebro-spinal fever (all Chinese), two fatal cases of small-pox (Chinese and two non-fatal occurrences of small-pox (one Russian and one Chinese). Two further cases of typhoid (one British and one Chinese) were notified yesterday.

NEW SOLICITOR.

A new solicitor, in the person of Mr. Frederick William Whitelaw, was admitted to practice in the Colony by the Chief Justice this morning, on the motion of the Attorney General.

Mr. Whitehouse was admitted to the Roll on July 2nd, 1908, and is joining the firm of Messrs. Lee and Ruse. Sir Henry Gollan expressed the wish that his sojourn in the Colony would be a successful and pleasant one.

DOUBLE WEDDING.

AT THE CATHEDRAL
TO-DAY.

A double wedding took place at St. John's Cathedral this afternoon. In the one case, Miss Daisy Annie Kearsey, oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Kearsey, of Birmingham, was married to Mr. Arthur Leslie Terry, of the Hongkong Telephone Co., eldest son of Mr. A. A. Terry and of the late Mrs. Terry of Birmingham; whilst in the other Miss Dorothy Offord, oldest daughter of Mr. W. Offord, of Great Yarmouth, became the bride of Mr. Leonard Wynne Harrison, of the China Navigation Company.

Miss Kearsey, who was given away by Mr. S. Deacon, was attired in a dress of ivory georgette over silk, with silver embroidered veil and orange blossoms. She carried a bouquet of white roses, and was attended by two bridesmaids, the Misses Irene and Daphne Leach, who wore dresses of pale blue silk and not with net caps, and carried baskets of pale pink roses. The Matron of Honour was Mrs. S. Deacon, who wore a beige coat-trimmed with fur, with hat to match. Mr. F. W. Stapleton was "best man."

Mr. W. Orchard, of the Hongkong Electric Company, gave away the bride in the other wedding. Miss Offord was dressed in ivory satin with georgette panels and feather trimming, and embroidered veil edged with pearls and orange blossoms. She carried a bouquet of white roses, and was attended by bridesmaids, The latter wore dresses made of primrose taffeta silk, with caps to match. They carried baskets of violets. Mr. Walter F. Andrews carried out the duties of groomsmen.

There was a large number of friends present at the ceremony and at the reception which was afterwards held on the Hongkong Hotel Roof Garden. The couples later left for Repulse Bay, where the honeymoons are being spent. Mrs. Terry's going-away dress was a cream coloured costume with black hat, while Mrs. Harrison wore a grey costume, with black picture hat.

WHOSE SHOES?

A KOWLOON "FIND."

The Kowloon Police are endeavouring to locate the owner of a practically new pair of patent leather shoes, which were found in the possession of a coolie in Canton Road at 5.30 p.m. on Sunday. When arrested the coolie stated that he had been given the shoes to pawn by a friend. The second coolie was found and admitted having given the shoes to the arrested man to pawn. He had bought them in the street for \$2.30, he said. When both were charged before Mr. E. W. Hamilton, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, with possession of shoes reasonably suspected to have been stolen or unlawfully obtained they were discharged; his Worship remarking he could not convict on the evidence but ordered that the shoes be kept by the police for 14 days and returned to the owner should anyone claim them. Should they be unclaimed after that period, they are to be given to the first defendant.

His Worship desired it made known that the shoes can be retrieved by the owner, on application at the Water Police Station, Tsimshatsui.

OPIUM TRAFFIC.

DEPORTATION WARNING.

The employment of small boys as carriers for illicit opium was the subject of a warning issued by Mr. J. R. Wood, at the Central Magistracy to-day, when he had before him a small boy charged with being in possession of a quantity of the drug.

Acting on a statement made by the youngster, Revenue Officers had kept a close watch on a certain house only to discover that the major offender had taken warning and made his escape.

The warning given by his Worship this morning was that persons convicted of employing children to carry illicit opium would be recommended to the Governor for deportation, though the charge of actual possession might not be brought home against them.

The boy was released and told to convey this warning to those connected with him in the present case.

RAILWAY TROUBLE.

STRIKE AND BOYCOTT AT
TSINGTAO.

Tsingtao, Feb. 9.
The Kiaotsai Railway employees struck at midnight, and coincident with the strike a merchants' boycott, called by the Chamber of Commerce with a view to forcing out the present management, went into effect. The management refuses to quit in the face of a most trying situation. The controversy rose from the discharge of Shanghai employees of the Railway.

S. AFRICAN CRICKET.

A DRAWN OUT MATCH.

Johannesburg, Feb. 9.
The Test match was continued in oppressive weather, on a fast wicket, before a small attendance. Rain interrupted the play. Mr. Joel's eleven scored 164, Nupen taking 5 for 51. South Africa replied with 16 for no wickets. The match will be continued to-morrow.—*Reuter*.

PUT TO THE TEST.

"ROTOR" SHIP BADLY
BUFFETED.

Berlin, Feb. 9.
The Flettner "Rotor" ship voyaging from Danzig to Lath, has arrived at Kiel twenty-four hours late, owing to stormy weather, which occasionally rendered the use of the rotors impossible. The ship pitched and rolled badly, the revolving movement of the two large towers causing a severe shaking.—*Reuter*.

HOME "SOCCER."

LATEST MATCHES.

London, Feb. 9.
In a Cup replay, Blackburn beat Portsmouth by one goal to nil, at Highbury.—*Reuter*.
London, Feb. 9.
In the second division of the English League, Fulham beat Hull by 4 goals to nil.—*Reuter*.

LORD BRADBURY'S NEW POST.

London, Feb. 9.
The Treasury has appointed the former Reparations Commissioner, Lord Bradbury, to be an ex-officio director of the Anglo-Persian Oil Company, in succession to Lord Inchoape, who has resigned.—*Reuter*.

GERMAN SCANDAL.

ANOTHER RESIGNATION.

Berlin, Feb. 9.
Herr Hoello, who was Minister of Posts in the Marx Cabinet, has resigned from the Reichstag in consequence of allegations that he was implicated in the Barmat bank scandals.—*Reuter*.

BURMAH DROPS OUT.

WON'T BE AT WEMBLEY.

Rangoon, Feb. 9.
The Government has decided that Burmah will not participate in the 1925 Wembley Exhibition.—*Reuter*.

RADIO PHONING.

HALF-WAY ACROSS WORLD.

Melbourne, Feb. 9.
A Victorian amateur for the first time has sent a direct wireless telephone message to England.—*Reuter*.

AMBITION.

I cannot live from day to day
Without my thought concerned
As to why I am living here,
And whether I have earned
The many blessings I enjoy.
The liberty of will;
And, what is greater, self-control
To act or to be still.
I feel there is behind my thought
A spirit infinite,
Which to my faculties in trust
Ever supplies the might.
It is this power I wish to serve;
Live with in harmony,
Esteeming it life's privilege
To that power servant be.

WALLACE D. LAWLER.

CORRESPONDENCE.

(To the Editor, "Hongkong Telegraph.")

A Correction.

Sir,—May I be permitted to correct a statement made by myself at last night's annual meeting of the Kowloon Residents' Association? In paying a well-deserved tribute to Mr R. Packham on his retirement, I said it was in his home that the meetings were held which led to the inauguration of the Association. In saying so I made a mistake. It was in Mr B. L. Frost's house that these meetings took place and it was largely due to the initiative of the latter gentleman that the K.R.A. came into being.

Yours etc.
B. WYLIE.
Kowloon, Feb. 10th. 1925.

SHIPPING NEWS.

LOCAL WATERFRONT ITEMS.

The passenger steamer Haitan, Captain F. V. Benz, arrived yesterday from Saigon, and reports mostly moderate monsoon.

The steamer Lerke, Captain G. T. Krogh, arrived yesterday from Schaanen (a port in the narrow and intricate Pulo Laut Strait, on the S.E. corner of Borneo). She had exceedingly strong monsoon in the Sulu sea, but reports the monsoon as moderating more and more the closer she came to this port.

The coaster Henrik, Captain H. Brandt, arrived yesterday from Bangkok and had strong monsoon from Pulo Obir to Cape Padaran, but reports the weather as moderating afterwards.

Another coaster, the Botnia, Captain A. Haaland, arrived yesterday from Koolung, Formosa, and had monsoon but misty weather coming down here. The Hwa Ching, Captain B. H. Johnson, also arrived from Koolung with coals yesterday.

As far as we can judge from the reports of the ships entering the harbour, the monsoon is quite moderate north of this port, and in this vicinity, but is still blowing strong south of Padaran and in the Sulu Sea, Java Sea and Carimata Strait. This is quite normal for this time of year, and we may now soon expect the monsoon to be "breaking up."

FALSE ALARM.

METER-READER MISTAKEN FOR ROBBER.

The police machinery was set in motion yesterday afternoon on the receipt of a report that an armed robbery had occurred at No. 73 Queen's Road Central, close to the business district. Details were assigned for duty at the wharves and piers, where it was thought that the robbers might repair in an effort to get across the harbour with their booty, whilst pedestrians and passengers in trams were searched. The report came through also that a man was arrested in actual possession of a revolver and was confined in the house where the robbery took place.

All this commotion served no useful purpose, however, for the report turned out to be entirely false. The fact of the matter was that a meter inspector, or reader, paying a professional call at the house in question, was mistaken for an armed robber because the pair of pliers sticking out of his pocket bore, to a small boy who opened the door, a strange resemblance to a pistol, and, with a promptitude which would have been commendable in other circumstances, he ran down the staircase and alarmed the whole neighbourhood with cries of "Save life!" and "Robbery!" The "robber" was in no hurry to make his escape, but calmly waited in the house until the arrival of the police, when he established his real identity.

TELEPHONE QUESTION.

SETTLEMENT EXPECTED.

On enquiry in official circles this morning, we were informed that the negotiations in regard to the telephone question were progressing and that a full and final settlement could be expected shortly.

The negotiations have reached a stage at which the Government is investigating the plant and equipment, and there is every expectation that the matter will soon be disposed of, although at present the nature of the scheme contemplated cannot be divulged.

LADY ENTERTAINER.

AT HONGKONG HOTEL.

Patrons of the Hongkong Hotel tea and dinner dances from Wednesday to Saturday inclusive will have the privilege of hearing a clever lady entertainer, in the person of Miss Kitty Barlow, an English artiste who has made a considerable name for herself.

Miss Barlow excels in child impersonations, songs at the piano, character songs and jazz songs. She has appeared at the London Coliseum, the Criterion Theatre, leading provincial theatres, several London clubs, Australian theatres and in all parts of the Far East. She will also be remembered as a former member of the Bandmen Company.

The tea dances take place at the Roof Garden, whilst Miss Barlow will also appear at the dinner dances in the Grill Room.

CINEMA NOTES.

"SAUCE FOR THE GOOSE."

"If you were a pretty and neglected young wife, what would you do if a middle-aged and designing widow took advantage of your husband's interest in his work to try to win him from you? This is the problem that forms the basis for a delightful comedy in "Sauce for the Goose," the new Select Picture in which Lewis J. Selznick presents Constance Talmadge, which will be shown at the World Theatre. Constance Talmadge is a comedienne who knows the value of a light touch in spontaneous fun-making, and she more than fulfills the hopes and expectations of her many admirers by her delightful interpretation of Kitty Constable in this play. The story is from the successful play by Geraldine Bonner and Hutcheson Boyd, adapted by Julia Crawford Ivers. The theme of the neglected wife and the "other woman" is old, but the handling of it in this picture is new.

"TURN TO THE RIGHT."
"Turn to the Right," the most popular comedy-drama of the stage, whose appeal was testified to by millions of theatre-goers, has been transferred to the screen and will be seen to-day at the Queen's Theatre.

As a stage play, "Turn to the Right" made a fortune for John Golden who presented it and for the authors, Winchell Smith and John E. Hazzard. Keeping up this financial record a halt interest in the screen right was sold to Metro Pictures Corporation for a quarter of a million dollars, top price for any motion picture production. The screen version is presented by John Golden and Marcus Loew and is a Rex Ingram production, directed by the creator, for the silent drama, of "The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse" and "The Conquering Power."

The Manila Vaudeville Co. are giving their last performances at this theatre and their programme is the pick of their best numbers.

"NERO."
In a review of "Nero," the mammoth picture to be screened at the Coronet to-night, a Manila paper says that more than 6,000 persons visited the Rival Theatre in three days to see this film.
To say the least everyone was highly pleased with the gorgeous spectacle, and remark after remark was heard in the lobby of the theatre praising the picture to the skies. The wildest imagination can scarcely conjure up all of the fabulous and extravagant excesses of the reign of the tyrant Nero, which are so realistic in screen production. This wonderful screen production shows Nero, himself, in all of his devilish orgies in his golden palace. In fact the film is true to Roman history throughout.

SHARE MARKET.

SHANGHAI QUOTATIONS.

Messrs. Ellis and Co. have kindly supplied us with the following cable quotations of Shanghai stocks from their Shanghai office:—

Langkats (comb.)—Tls. 20½ buyers.
Ewas.—Tls. 12.50, buyers.
Shanghai Docks.—Tls. 109, buyers.
New Engineerings.—Tls. 7¾, buyers.
Orientals.—Tls. 3¾, buyers.
Shanghai Cotton.—Tls. 60, buyers.

HARRY LAUDER.

HIS "CANNINESS."

Someone asked Sir Harry Lauder, whose Hongkong season commences at the Theatre Royal to-morrow, whether the stories told of his canniness were true or not. The comedian, it is said, allowed it to be understood that many of them were not based upon fact, but that, as they appeared to give pleasure in the telling of them, he had no objection to their circulation, particularly as they helped him in the good work of publicity. Some of them deserve to be true, if they are not. Here is the latest. When the famous comedian was in Calcutta recently, a persistent autograph hunter wrote asking for his signature. Receiving no reply he waited for a few days, and then wrote again. His second letter was also ignored. Finally he sent a third letter, enclosing a sheet of paper and a two anna stamp. By return of post he received a post card on which was typed the following:—"Paper and stamp received. Please send envelope."

HOCKEY.

THE SIM SHIELD.

The following will represent the Club in their second match of the Sim Shield triangular tournament against the Navy at 5 p.m. at the U.S.R.C. on Wednesday, 11th instant:—P. W. F. Mills, A. A. Dand, A. S. Hott, Rev. E. W. L. Martin, E. J. R. Mitchell (capt.), L. P. Ralph, G. R. More, W. J. Woodward, G. J. Jones, E. L. Sim, and B. D. Evans.

The matches for this trophy are the most important contests of the season and last week's Club v. Navy match was one of the finest games ever played here. The result was 2 goals all, though the Navy scored both their goals first and led by 2-1 at half time. The list of coming fixture matches are:—

Navy v. Club.—11th February.
Navy v. Army.—13th "
Army v. Club.—25th "
Army v. Club.—4th March.
All matches are being played at the U.S.R.C.

TRICK CYCLISTS.

A LOCAL NUISANCE.

Another nuisance, which has formed the subject of many complaints, has followed on the football craze in Statue Square. This refers to the would-be trick cyclists, who invite no little risk not only to themselves but also to pedestrians by taking on friends for riding pillion or across the bare of ordinary push-bikes.

On receipt of many complaints, the police went down to the Square the other day at an hour when this diversion was in progress and rounded up three of the offenders, who are mostly Chinese youths. They were fined on appearance subsequently before the Magistrate.

LIBEL CASE.

ACTION FAILS.

When the case was continued, in the Summary Court this morning, in which Ip Shou-man claimed \$1,000 damages for libel, Mr. D'Almada called the secretary of the Rice Guild, who said that it was a duty of the member to inform the Association when a creditor defaulted. Mr. D'Almada claimed privilege. Mr. Brower said that there was no privilege; plaintiff was not a member of the Guild and he could not be tried by their tribunal.

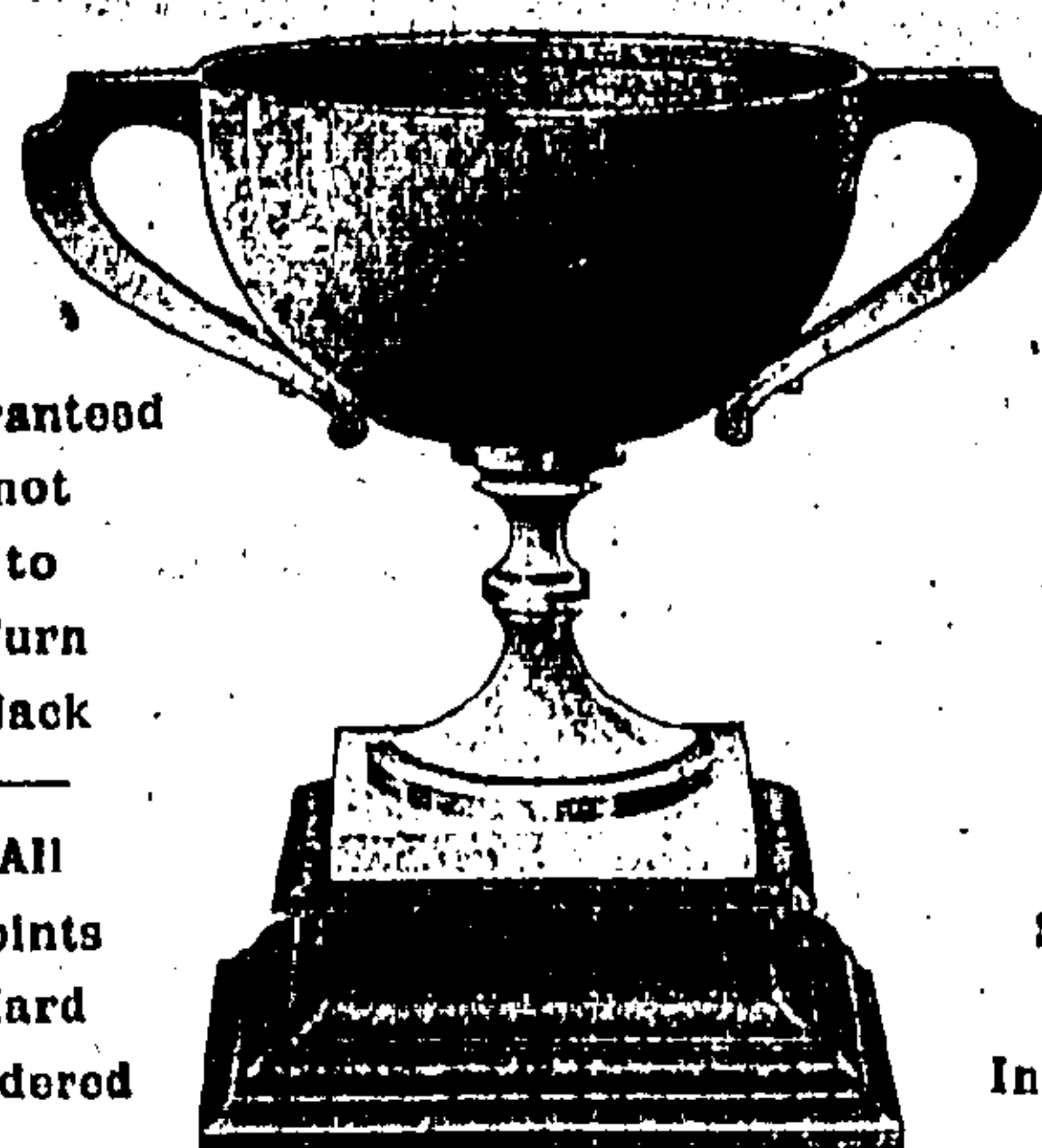
His Lordship gave judgment for the defendant with costs.

M.C.C. TEAM DO WELL.

VICTORIA COLLAPSES.

Melbourne, February 9.
A thunderstorm interrupted the resumed match between Victoria and the M. C. C. just before lunch to-day. Victoria's first innings closed for 170 runs the principal scorers being Woodfull (60) and Ransford (62). Victoria followed on and collapsed, six wickets falling for 11 runs, when stumps were drawn. Kilkner captured 5 wickets for 3 runs, for which he was loudly cheered, and Hearn took the other wicket for 9 runs.

Bryna captained in the absence of Douglas. An X-ray examination of Douglas' arm showed that the bones had not been injured.—*Reuter.*



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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

BRITAIN'S GENEROUS OFFER.

London, February 9.
"A generous offer, which brings the repayment of France's debt to England within the range of practical politics," is the unanimous verdict of the newspapers on the British debt Note to France. The hope is expressed that France will meet the offer in the same spirit in which it was sent.

The *Westminster Gazette* thinks Mr. Churchill has done well in insisting that Britain's claims cannot be made entirely dependent upon the success or failure of the Dawes scheme.
The *Telegraph* comments Mr. Churchill in refraining from dealing in figures and adds that enough has already been said in respect of the inadequacy of the proposal, unofficially mooted in France, whereunder a Britisher who was paying sevenpence in the pound for France's unpaid debt to England, would get relief to the extent of roughly a halfpenny in the pound, beginning ten years hence.

The *Daily Express* considers the offer the culmination of a series of surrenders.—*Reuter.*

Paris, February 9.
It is semi-officially stated that the Government will devote the whole of its attention to the British Note with a strong desire to find a basis for friendly discussion. Consideration of the Note will probably require some time.

Before pursuing the discussion on the basis of the British suggestions, it must first be considered what figure might be taken into account with respect to the two methods of repayment. It is suggested, for example, that 200,000,000 francs, or deliveries in kind, under the Dawes scheme, had been promised to representatives of the devastated regions. This must be borne in mind when the question arises of estimating the amounts which might be eventually appropriated to the repayment to Britain from the yield of the Dawes plan; also, the negotiators must draw up a fair balance sheet, showing the wealth of France compared with the pre-War period and compared with other nations, and the financial efforts of France in relation to the efforts of other countries, and her financial capacities.

Possibly, after all the necessary data has been collected, the Premier or Finance Minister, or both, may go to London to negotiate directly with Mr. Baldwin and Mr. Churchill.—*Reuter.*

THE OPIUM CONFERENCE.

London, February 9.
The *Times* regrets the withdrawal of the Chinese and American delegations from Geneva, and is of the opinion that it should not condemn the conference to sterility. The conference still has Viscount Cecil's practical proposals before it, and will not have met in vain if an advance is made along those lines, though the proposals are unfortunately dependent on the suppression of opium smuggling in China.

The *Times* adds that it has become notorious that the present hostilities that have distracted the country, are little more than a "Drug War," in which the chief aim of the leaders is often inspired by a desire to occupy the best poppy-growing regions, where enormous revenues are derivable from illicit but open trade in opium.—*Reuter.*

NAVAL MISHAP.

Vancouver, February 9.
Nine sailors belonging to the visiting Japanese squadron are missing as the result of the capsizing of a launch, in which a large party was returning from shore leave.

The launch contained eighteen men, returning to the cruiser *Idzumo*. Seven were rescued and eleven drowned. The capsizing of the launch was due to a collision with a car ferry at midnight.

Four junior officers were among the eleven drowned.—*Reuter's American Service.*

THE WASHINGTON TREATY.

Tokyo, February 9.
The battleship *Tosa* has been sunk in accordance with the Washington conference.—*Reuter.*

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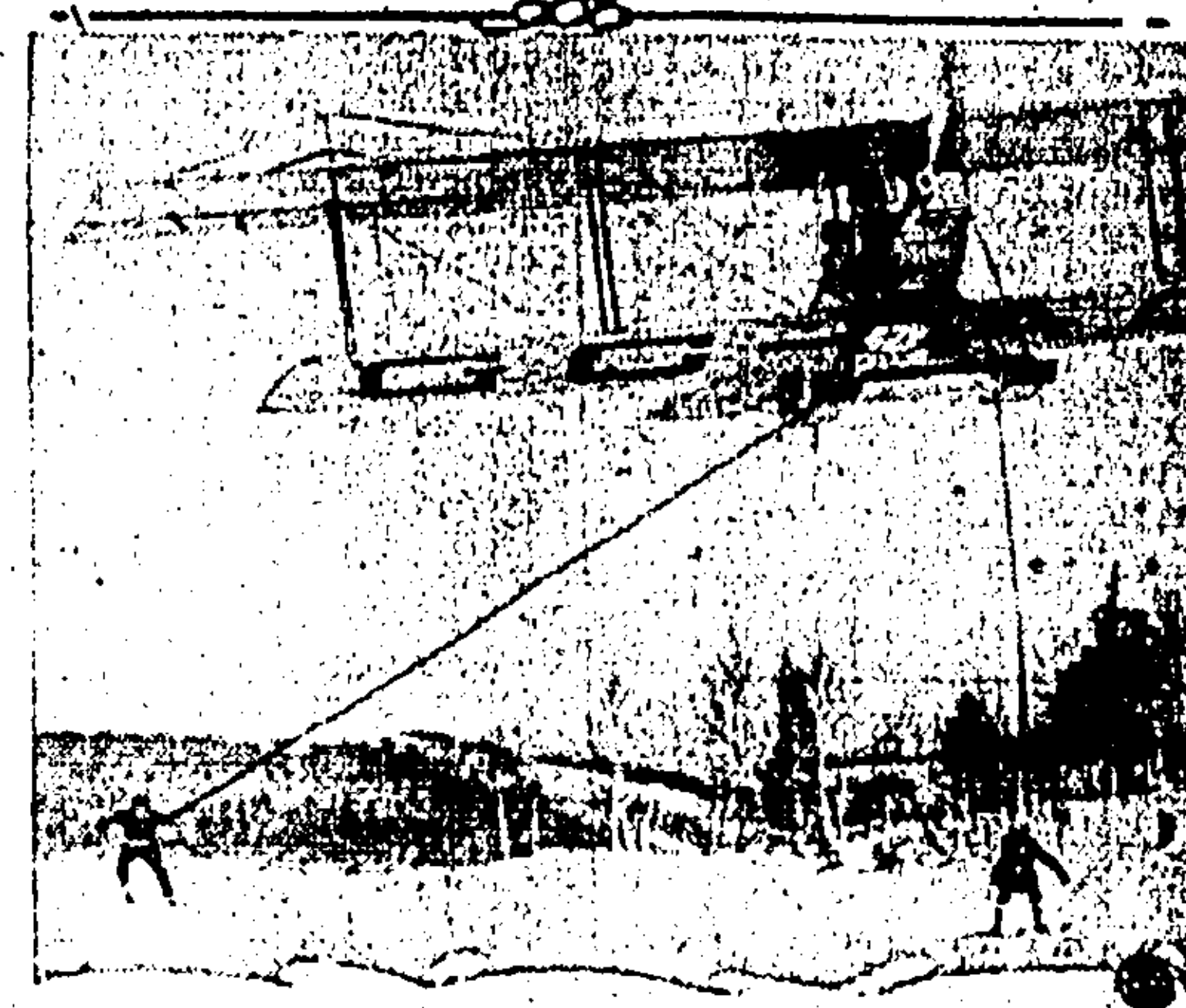
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CAMERA NEWS



PRESERVATION OF ST. PAUL'S.—Experimental work in grouting under pressure was carried out on the north-east pier for the Commission of experts. Our photograph shows borings in the pier through which the cement is forced. ("The Times" copyright photograph).



NEW SPORTS.—Aeroplane skiing is the latest sport at St. Jovite on Lake Tremblant, in the Laurentian Mountains, near Montreal. A plane, flying low, tows men and women on skis or toboggans, at a speed frequently reaching 70 miles an hour.



MEET OF THE PYTHCHLEY AT BROCKHALL.—There was a big field at the meet at Brockhall after the Hunt Ball at Northampton. The field moving towards the first covert. ("The Times" copyright photograph).



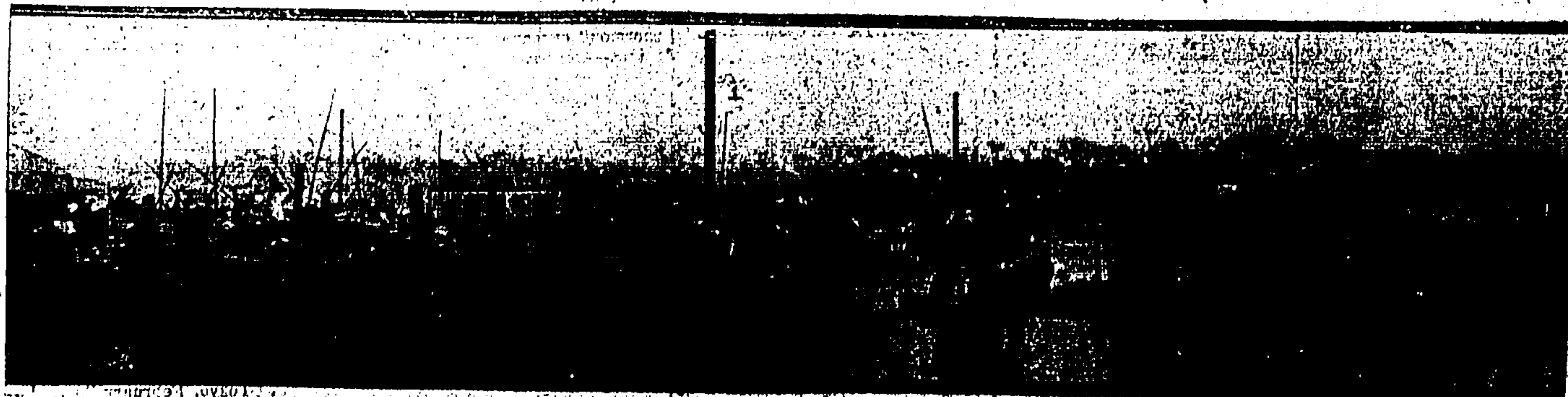
BIG GAME.—Dietrich Wortman of New York, says this is the biggest buck killed in Adirondacks this season. It was brought down at Westport, near Lake Champlain.



HYPNOTISED.—Here is shown Professor Eugene Duployen de Gyn, master of Applied Psychology of the Psychological Institute, Bucharest, as he produces a state of catalepsy in a deadly Australian snake. Considering the fact that a snake has hypnotic eyes of his own, the feat is a remarkable one. The professor claims that by means of hypnotism he can cure many mental disorders.



FLOODS IN SOUTH ESSEX.—Hundreds of acres in the Wanstead and Woodford districts of Essex were recently under water. Our photograph shows a scene taken near Woodford Bridge. ("The Times" copyright photograph.)



WHERE TROOPS WERE INTERNED.—Our photo gives a panoramic view of the Avenue Haig Riding School at Shanghai where 6,500 Chinese soldiers were interned, pending their ultimate disposal. On the day this picture was taken the whole camp was a sea of mud, with a contamination of the dewpoint adding to the misery of the prisoners.

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CHARM OF INSECT COLLECTING.**Professor's Advice to Beginners.**

The first of a series of six Christmas lectures, "adapted to a juvenile auditory," was delivered at the Royal Institution, Albemarle Street, recently, by Mr. Frank Balfour Brown, lecturer in Zoology (entomology) University of Cambridge, who has taken for his subject "The Habits of Insects." In his introductory lecture, Mr. Brown dealt with insect collecting and what it leads to. With many people, he said, insect collecting is merely an incident, like the measles. One catches the complaint from someone, and usually recovers. Such people could look back upon the time when they shamelessly ran about with a butterfly net—a period in their life which they afterwards regretted. The broken and mouldy things of their collection were to be found from time to time amongst the rubbish of the house, to remind them of their transient weakness. But some never recovered from this complaint, and it was with the hope that many of these present might catch it that he wished to talk to them upon particular lines of work. Different collectors started, said the lecturer, from different motives, but he believed that the majority started from a desire to accumulate and possess something of their own; and like stamp collecting, insects were easy to get.

Referring to what he termed "crank" collectors, one of whose whims was never to put into their collection anything they had not caught themselves, Mr. Brown told a story of his discovery of a particular water-bottle, which two collectors said had not been seen for 60 or 70 years, and they wanted to know where he found it. He pointed to two specimens in his aquarium, and offered them to his visitors; but they preferred to look for them in the proper habitat. They returned, however, without success and eventually took out the specimens from the aquarium. Later, however, when they were searching another pond, they took the tubes containing the beetles and emptied them in the water, in order that they might immediately capture them in their net, and be able to say that they caught the specimens themselves.

AMUSING MISTAKES.

One of the lines which all collectors took up as soon as they started collecting was naming their specimens. Some never troubled to do this and sent them to an authority to be named. One collector in the South of Scotland, who sent his specimens to Dr. Sharpe to be named, would put them back in the wrong places in the box, which naturally led to some amusing mistakes.

The second line of work was the life-history of insects, and many collectors got so interested in it that they took up this line to the exclusion of other work. The third line was one which was before them when they started collecting, and was easily developed. They soon discovered that the woods, the open fields, and the marshes had their own particular insects, which were distributed about the country in a particular way. Some were to be found in the mountains; only, others in the valleys; so that they had a habitat, or localisation, according to the immediate surroundings. Most of his own collecting had been confined to one group of insects, namely, water-beetles, whose types differed with the nature of the water in which they lived. The lake, the river, and the stream each possessed its different community, and by looking at the insect a collector would know whether it came from a pond, a river, or a lake.

When young collectors began to ask why were species capable of being grouped, they would be getting out of mere collecting into its scientific aspect. He did not hope that they would develop into entomologists or botanists, but anyone who collected insects could leave behind him work which could be used by others in the way he had described. In his other lectures he would deal with the life-history of insects which involved, said Mr. Brown, greater concentration and continuous work.

YEAR'S NEW STAMPS.

Approximately 1,250 new stamps have been issued by various countries during 1924. These included new values for the Protected State of Brunei, showing a view of "the Venice of the East."

MODERN EDUCATION.**The Headmasters and Latin.**

The Headmasters Conference, which met just before Christmas at Cambridge, discussed many subjects even if it arrived at no notable decision on any. This may have been partly because several of the questions which were ventilated were not felt to be of equal importance or urgency in all the schools which the headmasters represented.

That of free places, for instance, is of more concern to some than to others; and betting also, which was reported to be quite a common practice among the pupils of some secondary schools, is probably unknown among boys elsewhere whose time is so fully mapped out for them that they have neither the need nor the leisure for that perilous form of excitement. But in day schools the pupils are bound to reflect the influences of their home life more closely than those in public schools; if betting and bookmaking are in the atmosphere they would hardly be boys if they did not show it. Similarly, as the Headmaster of Bradford Grammar School complained the other day, the distractions of wireless are likely to prove a temptation to day boys. While neither betting nor listening-in is invariably a vice in adults they may be dangerous temptations to unformed characters whose business as school boys is something quite different; but they illustrate the kind of thing against which schoolmasters have properly to be on their guard. If education always resulted for the educated in an appreciation of values and an ability of distinguishing between what is of value and what is not, betting as a national amusement might be sensibly reduced and the merely distractive powers of a scientific toy counteracted.

But it would be a mistake to base upon the report of the proceedings of the Conference any conclusion as to the prevalence of betting at large in our schools; so much does one differ from another in its circumstances.

Likewise it is probable that no hard and fast rule can be laid down about the teaching of Latin. This subject, which was discussed at some length, was particularly appropriate for a meeting at Cambridge, because one of the schools there, the Perse, has been famous for a good many years now for the direct teaching given by the Headmaster, Dr. Rouse, and his assistants. The direct method as pursued at the Perse has been highly successful but it has not yet established itself in all over others. But whatever Perse methods lead to ultimately, there can hardly be any dogmatizing about them. As the types of school where Latin is taught are not uniform, it may well be that there is no one method of teaching it, though a change-over midway from the old to the new might almost certainly be bad. In schools where Latin is not studied more than two or three years by the majority, it becomes a question not how perfection can be attained, but how much can be got into the time. By the older teaching, which was slow if sure, many fell out by the way of sheer exhaustion and grew up to detest the tyranny. A really tyrannical Latin course, leading to very little, but occupying much time, is hardly to be tolerated in these days when there are so many rival subjects competing for places in the curriculum. There may be cases when a good deal should be sacrificed, provided that life is imparted into the lesson from the first, for the ancient languages are studied for not quite the same purposes as the modern: the spirit behind them is what has to be captured. But whether Perse methods are feasible in other schools or not, the Perse influence has been working for years towards a more humane Latin curriculum for beginners than the old. Archaeology, too, has helped and the fact that a Society for the Promotion of Roman Studies now exists for students in the higher ranks shows that Latin as a subject and Roman things generally, are far from being merely the machinery for mental gymnastics. On the contrary, so deep and vital is their importance to the modern world that it would be to take too narrow a view to hold that there is but one way of opening the door to them.

PRISON SCANDALS.**An American Enquiry.**

The State Prison Commission, which has been investigating charges of luxury, ease, and favouritism at Sing Sing, the New York State penitentiary, is now looking into the liberality with which the State Board of Parole has been releasing convicts after they have served the minimum time allowed by the terms of their sentence, comments a contemporary.

Attention has been called to the matter by the order for the release without restrictions of Robert Brindell, who a short time ago was convicted of using his position as an organised labour leader to obtain large sums of money from building contractors on threats of ordering a strike. Six years of Brindell's maximum sentence remain to be served. The preliminary report of the investigating commission, it is said, substantiates the complaints of favouritism and luxury at Sing Sing.

It discloses that prisoners with large sums of money at their command through relatives and friends can arrange for monthly deposits to their credits as high as £20, and they are permitted to purchase the "choice" fresh meats, bake-stuffs, vegetables, high-priced cigars, high class articles of apparel, and unusual toilet articles. Prisoners without funds are employed by the richer inmates to wait on them and act as servants. Many prisoners refrained from eating meals in the general mess hall, but prepared all their meals outside with food purchased from the commissariat.

TRAVELLING.

The following fine thought is contributed by Mr. Frederick Niven to a recent issue of the Observer.

Where am I going to, passing here,
Listening, looking, lending an ear
To the red-breast's trill, or the loon's lone call,
To the deep tom-tom of a water-fall,
To the sigh of wind in fir-tree tops,
And hushed in the silence when that stops?
Where am I going to, gazing round
On the rain of flowers that jewel the ground?
Once having seen the dawn, I rise
Often, betimes, for that surprise
Of its beginning, the ancient way,
A pallor, a presence, and in the grey
Something, it seems, that once I know,
Lost again the drying dew.
I know not where I go, nor why
The sight of Orion in the sky,
The swoon of a bird, the curve of a bill,
With a joy beyond telling my whole heart fill.
Looking, listening, I am glad,
With a wealth not wealthy
Cicero had,
Looking, listening, passing by,
Although I know not where I go.

SHELLS AS MONEY.

System by Which Native is Tricked.

A method of tricking the natives is described in a Colonial Office report, issued recently on the Northern Territories of the Gold Coast.

Cowries—ornamental shells, a small variety of which is employed as money in Africa and the East Indies—are still used extensively in the Northern Province, and the Acting Commissioner reports that until these are got rid of they will always be a fountain of wealth to the trader, and a thorn in the side to the Administration.

"Lack of nickel coinage and small change in the market gives the trader and the money-changer the chance of making a very good living at the expense of the local inhabitants," adds the report.

"This is done with the greatest ease: the trader and the money-changer are a combine. The unfortunate local inhabitant presents a shilling to buy salt; the trader says he only takes cowries and the purchaser goes to the money-changer who gives him six hundred cowries for his shilling, he returns to the trader who gives him not a shilling's worth of salt but six hundred cowries' worth, saying quite glibly that one thousand cowries go to a shilling."

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CURRENT PICTORIAL NEWS.



"Watch your step," might be Mrs. Coolidge's remark as the President try out their first pair of skis on the White House lawn, despite the absence of snow. The photo is a present from the National Ski Association of America along with an invitation to attend the ski meet in Bryn Mawr, Pa., S. D.



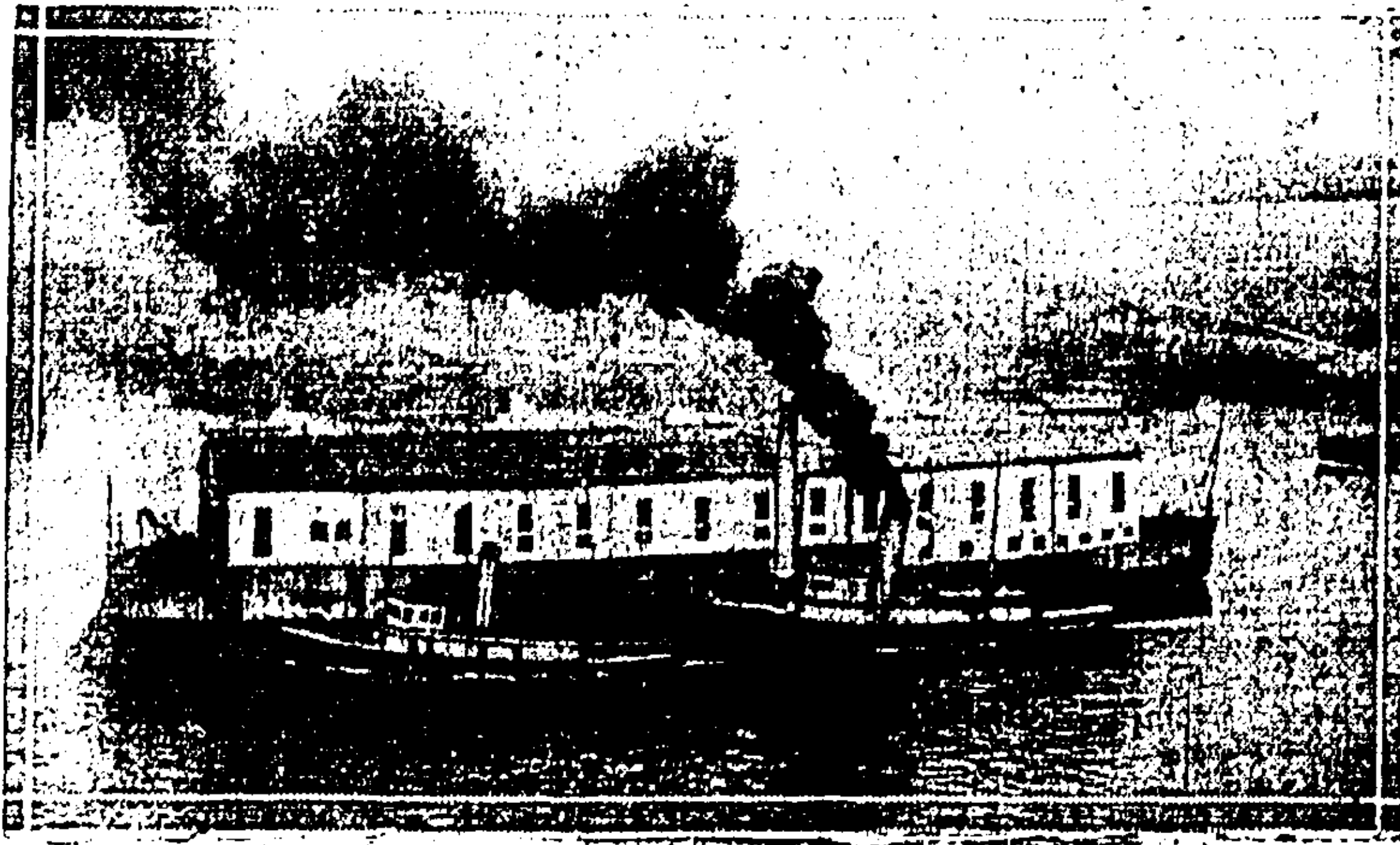
Dr. Oscar Hartmann, a prominent German banker, believes his European colleagues frequently go to the United States with mistaken notions. He says most of them seem to think America has unlimited funds.



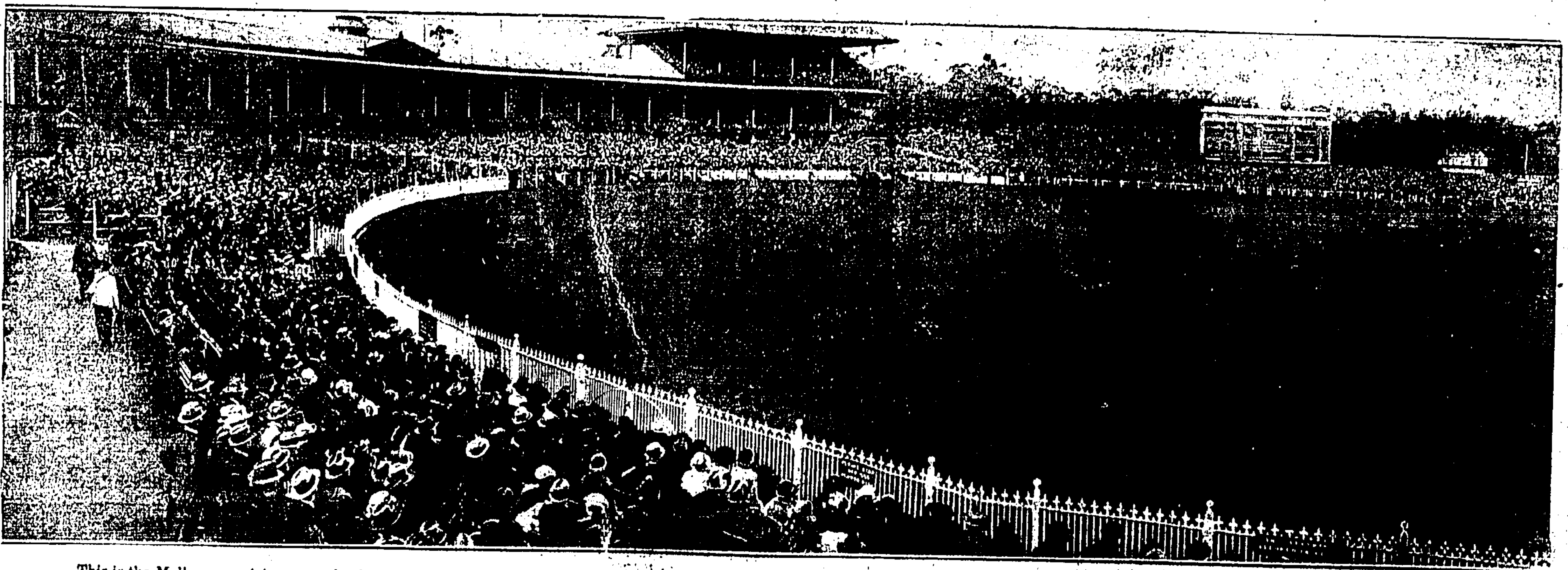
This is a new picture of Mrs. Corbett Ashby, the English suffragist, who has been elected president of the International Suffrage Alliance in Rome.



This is a new picture of Mr. William Green of Coshooton, O., now president of the American Federation of Labour. It was taken in New York immediately following his election by the executive council as the late Mr. Samuel M. Gompers' successor.



The battleship Illinois has been converted into a floating armoury, and is shown being towed past the Brooklyn Bridge to its new home in the North River, New York, where it will serve as a drill shed for the Naval Militia.



This is the Melbourne cricket ground, where the second Test match was played, and where the fourth Test will commence on Friday. The Australians are attending these contests in dense crowds.

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SHAKESPEARE-BACON
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The lecture at the Helena May Institute last evening by Mr. A. H. Crook, was attended by a good audience among whom was Lady Severn whose interest in everything connected with the Institute is well known.

The lecture was more than usually interesting, the speaker holding his audience throughout, and by his convincing presentation of fact and argument gained greater consideration for them than might otherwise have been the case.

Listening to the opening sentences of the lecture one was convinced that Mr. Crook was a hard bitten Baconian, but the conclusion left his audience in something of a quandary as to his real standpoint in the matter.

Commencing with his early days, spent at the feet of Professor Doughton who was probably the greatest living authority on Shakespeare at the time, Mr. Crook spoke of his first interest in the great controversy. He said he had come to the conclusion that there was a sort of high priesthood of Stratford-on-Avon who would not recognise facts, Sir Sidney Lee had written 250 pages of irrelevances to prove that the Stratford-on-Avon person had written Hamlet, but it proved nothing. Other literary persons notably Henry James had called Shakespeare a divine fraud. As a matter of fact, all that was known of the man could be written on a post card. At his death and for seven years after 13 plays signed William Shakespeare and three initials W. S. came to light and seven of the total were not accepted by any body as coming from his pen.

Shakespeare's Wide Knowledge. The first folio of Shakespeare as produced was shrouded in mystery, and Ben Jonson's dedicatory verses were regarded as a log-pull. Many pages were wrongly numbered and some had no numbers at all. Of the Tempest, most enigmatical of the plays, it was thought that a large slice had been lost.

Referring to the wonderful knowledge shown in the plays, the lecturer said that the author's grasp of legal matters and appreciation of law terms was extraordinary and therefore many biographers had made of him a lawyer's clerk, quoting that part of his plays which dealt with things medical had said that he must be a doctor, while others claimed him as a schoolmaster who taught at Ovid, although that book was not translated at the time, were in conflict with the party who assigned to him the role of courtier and country gentleman.

If the writer was born in Stratford-on-Avon and brought up there, the facts of the case did not fit in even though he was a genius. His classical knowledge could not have been gained in a village school for it puzzled many people even now. Some controversialists go so far as to say that Shakespeare was George Bernard Shaw in one of his earlier incarnations, continued Mr. Crook and to prove it showed that the fourth letter from the end of each play title working from the back of the book spelt Bernard Shaw, and this was very much more conclusively an establishment of the re-incarnation theory than the whole collection of recent letters to the Press.

The plays had also been ascribed to Edward de Vere, Earl of Oxford, and to Francis Bacon, Lord Verney, but the order of the plays together with the incidents of his life where such varied knowledge could be acquired, bear out that the latter was the real author. There were many instances of similarity of expression in the works of Shakespeare and Bacon, and this was particularly shown in a case where both quoted Aristotle wrongly and in the same words.

J. C. Squire's Anagram. Then there was the famous anagram which solved out "These plays of Francis Bacon are preserved for the world." Along these lines Mr. J. C. Squire had said "Never believe a Baconian" and in support of this quoted an instance where he had written a poem himself and ascribing it to Green, had said in print that he was surprised that no Baconian had used it as evidence of the falsity of Shakespeare's claim. Surely enough, shortly afterwards Sir Edward Durney Lawrence did so use it without consulting Green's work to verify the authenticity.

Mr. Crook then related his experience with a friend who said that he could advance as good a theory as the Baconians to the effect that the late Mr. Gladstone had written Browning's poems and outlined his arguments in quite a convincing manner. Their erudition, their obscurity, their love for Italy, their optimism, similarity of phrasing, and an anagrammatic twist of wording supported the contention. Browning had little schooling and yet spoke with knowledge pertaining to such influences. He also spoke of "making Rothschild quack." And who could do this but a Chancellor of the Exchequer? asked the lecturer. All these things were as good for Gladstone as for Bacon.

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EMPIRE EXHIBITION.

PURCHASING AGENTS
APPOINTED.

Except for the appointment of a small committee of three, whose duty will be to advise the Government in regard to the selection of goods for the Exhibition, no start has been made with the arrangements in connection with Hongkong's participation in the Empire Exhibition. The Committee represents both the foreign and Chinese Chambers of Commerce. The Chinese Chamber has not nominated its representative, and it is expected that nothing will be done with the general scheme until the Committee has met.

As previously reported, the Hongkong Section this year will be a Government enterprise, but Government control is not likely to detract from its popularity, as all the features will be preserved. The personnel this year, comprising 110 men and women, is not as large as last year's. A prominent Chinese business man has been requested to get the staff for the Government.

Messrs. Harry Wicking and Company have been appointed purchasing agents and will be responsible for ordering the goods required for the Exhibition.

The Hon. Mr. E. R. Haffiz, Secretary for Chinese Affairs, who acted as Commissioner last year, is going again in that capacity, leaving on March 10. There will be no Associate Commissioners, as the plans do not necessitate their services.

WEATHER REPORT.

Feb. 10d 12h. 33m.—Pressure has decreased very considerably over Japan, and increased slightly to moderately elsewhere.

An anticyclone of considerable intensity has developed over N. China, and a depression is situated over N. Japan. Fresh to strong monsoon will prevail along the coast and over the China Sea.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day 0.0 inch. Total since January 1st, 4.33 inches, against an average of 2.04 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW.

District. Forecast.

1 Formosa Channel	N. winds, strong.
2 South coast of China between H.K. & Lamook	N.E. winds, fresh; fresh; cloudy.
3 H'kong to Gap Roek	cloudy.
4 South coast of China between H.K. & Hainan	cloudy.

T. F. CLAXTON, Director.
Hongkong, February 10.

No Shakespearean would listen to a word about the Northumberland Manuscript, which in many ways proved Bacon to be the real author. The only person who could throw any real light on the subject was Ben Jonson, and he said nothing, or very little at most. His poem "The Post Apoc" was accepted by Baconians as his real opinion of Shakespeare, while the dedicatory verses in the first folio were said to be his appreciation of the real author whose identity he suspected or knew. He had lived with Bacon for many years as a translator and was doing so when the first folio was published in which the verses appear.

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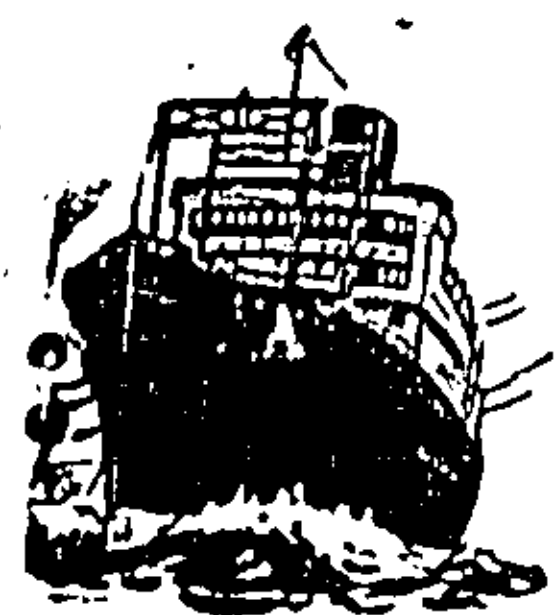
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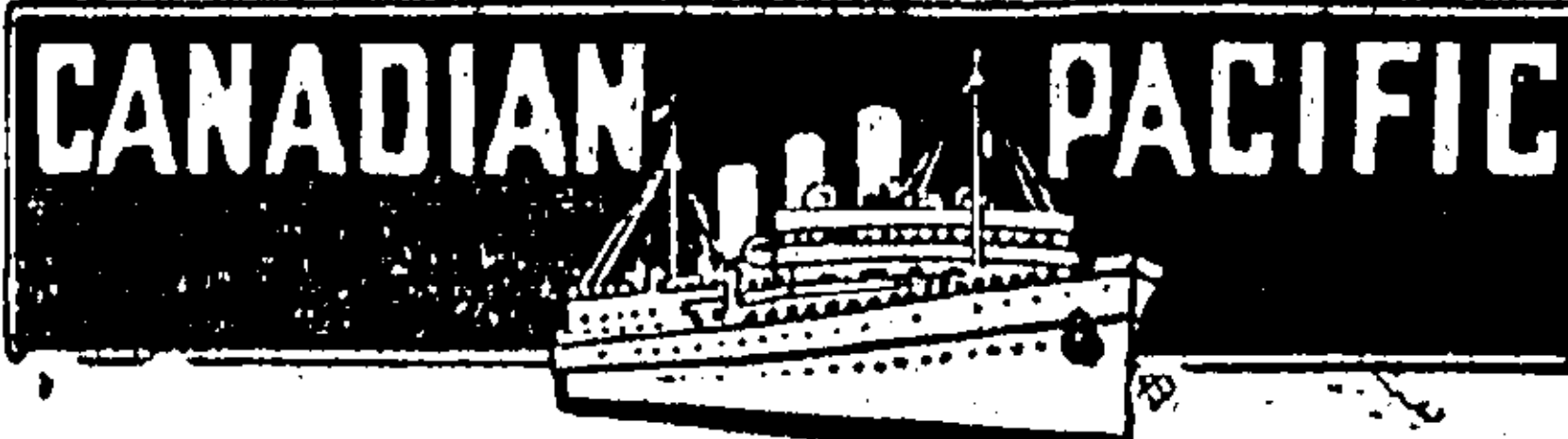
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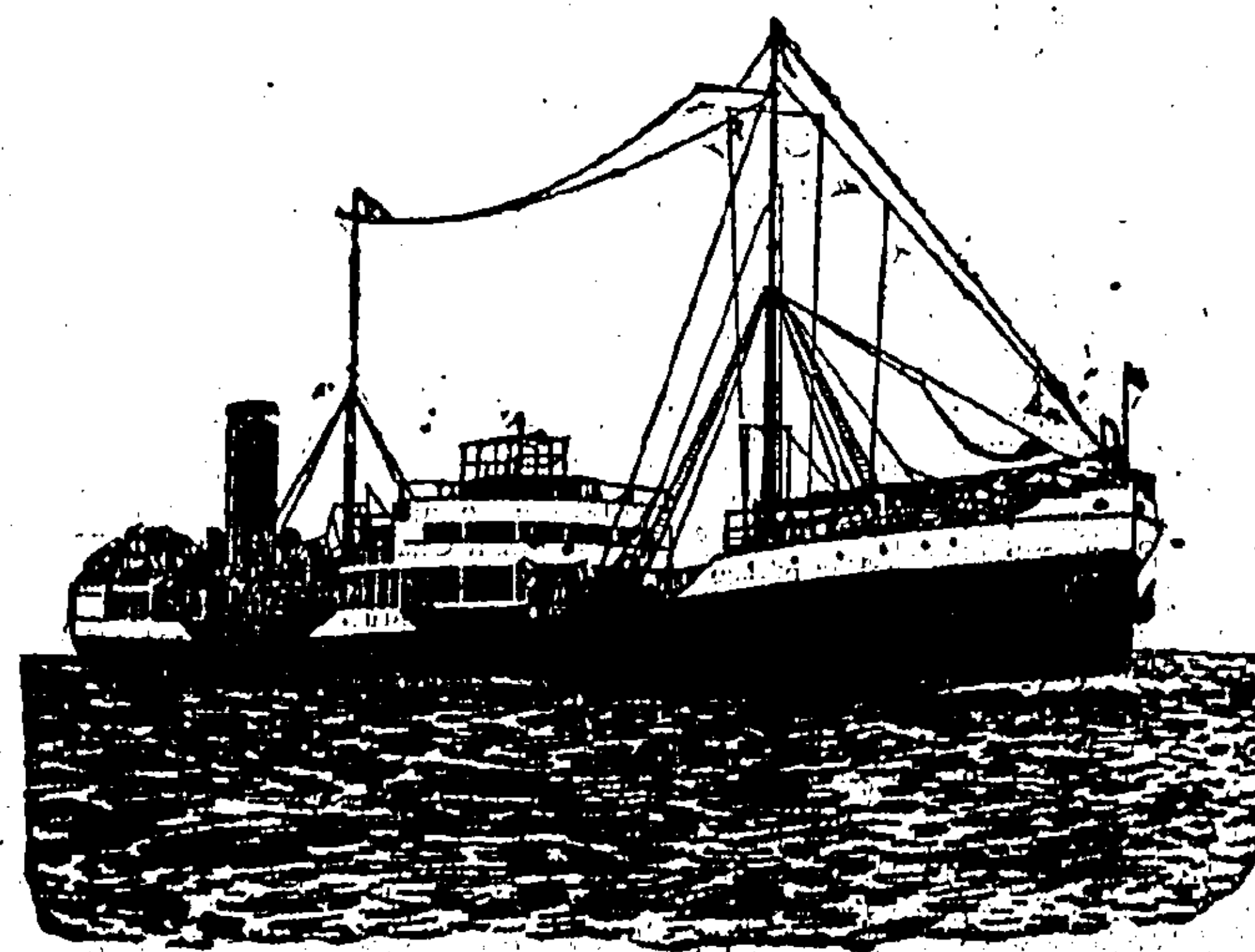
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KARNATA	11,089	12th Apr.	M'sles, London & Antwerp
MACEDONIA	6,684	2nd May	Marseilles & London
NAGODA	6,854	16th May	S'pore, Pang, C'bo & B'bay
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Cargo "Harold Dollar" The
Steamship which arrived from
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Hayes" on February 2nd. 1925
consignees are hereby notified
that their cargo is being landed
at their risk into the hazardous
and/or extra hazardous Godowns
of the Hongkong & Kowloon
Wharf and Godown Company, a
Kowloon, and stored at con-
signees' risk.

Consignees of Cargo must pro-
duce an Import Permit signed by
the Superintendent of Imports
and Exports, Hongkong, before
Bills of Lading will be counter-
signed.

All broken, chafed and damaged
cargo is to be left in the Godowns
where it will be examined at
10 a.m. on Feb. 7th. 1925, by the
Company's Surveyors, Messrs.
Carmichael & Clarke.

All claims must be presented
within thirty days of the
steamer's arrival here, after
which they cannot be recognised.
No claims will be recognised
after the goods have left the
godowns, and cargo undelivered
on and after Feb. 9th. 1925,
will be subject to rent.

No fire insurance whatever

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Consignees are requested to

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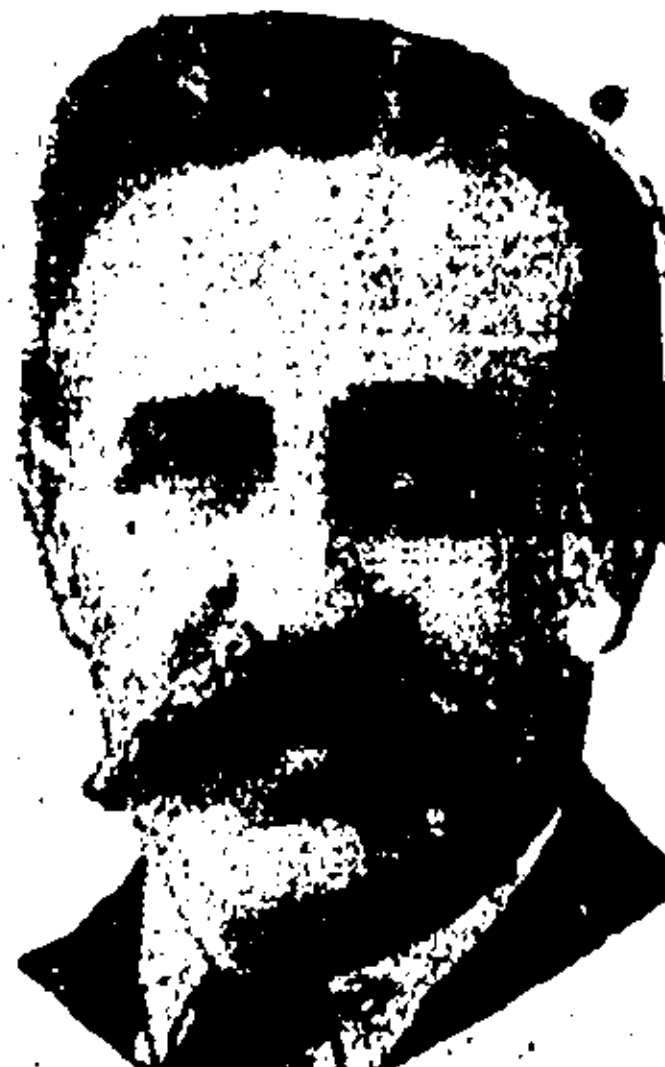
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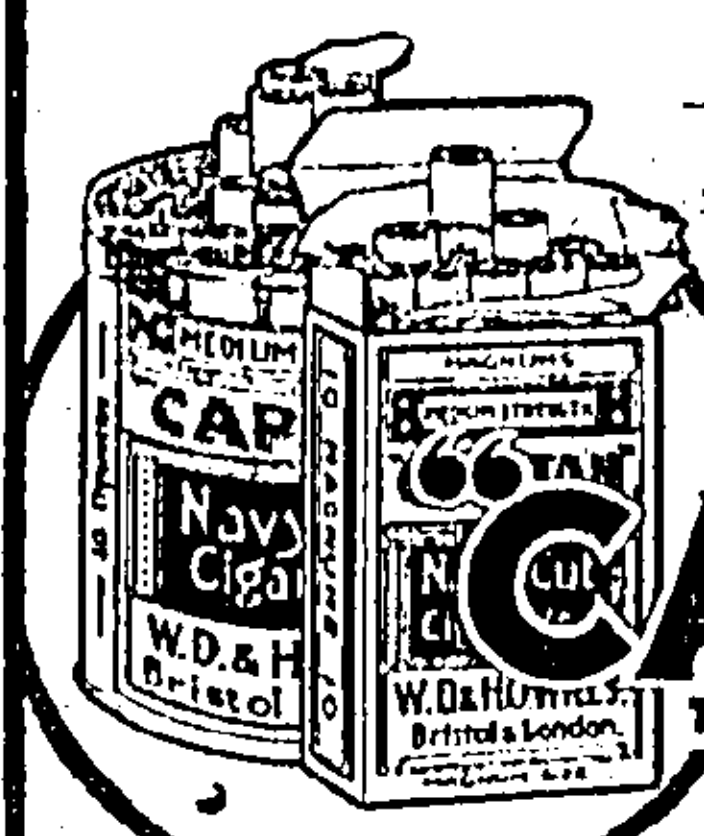
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FROM EUROPE & STRAITS.

The Steamship
"ATSUTA MARU,"
having arrived from the above
ports, Consignees of Cargo are
hereby informed that their Goods
are being landed and placed at
their risk in the Hongkong and
Kowloon Wharf and Godowns
Company's Godowns at Kowloon,
whence delivery may be obtained.
Goods not cleared by the 16th
Feb., 1925, will be subject to
rent.

Damaged packages must be left
in the Godowns for examination
by the Consignee's and the Co.'s
representatives on any Tuesdays
& Fridays, at 2.30 p.m. within the
free storage period.
All claims must be presented
within ten days of the steamer's
arrival here, after which date
they cannot be recognized.
No claims will be admitted
after the goods have left the
Godowns.

No fire insurance has been
effected.
NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA
Hongkong, 9th February 1925

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

AMERICAN AND ORIENTAL
LINE.

From NEW YORK

The Motor Vessel
"CEDAR BANK"
having arrived, Consignees of
Cargo by her are informed
that all goods are being landed
at their risk into the hazardous
and/or extra-hazardous Godowns
of The Hongkong and Kowloon
Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd.,
whence delivery may be obtained.
No Claims will be admitted
after the Goods have left the
Godowns, and all Goods remain-
ing undelivered after 16th
February 1924, will be subject
to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer
must be presented to the Under-
signed on or before 23rd. Feb.
1924, or they will not be re-
cognized.

All broken, chafed and damaged
Goods are to be left in the
Godowns where they will be ex-
amined on 16th February 1925 at
10 a.m.

No Fire Insurance has been
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Bills of Lading will be counter-
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mark appears on every genuine
package.



CANTON NOTES.

FEW SIGNS OF WAR.

Canton, Feb. 9.
The inhabitants of the city and
Shameen all state that they do
not observe any indications that
there is a war going on, except for
the fact that a few hundred
coolies are conscripted daily for
use at the front—mostly digging
trenches. Once in a while a few
wounded are brought in on trucks,
but not very many. On dark
clear night flashes are observed
of very distant gunfire, but that is
about all. The rumours about
how the fighting is proceeding are
so contradictory that little cred-
ence can be given in any of them.

The Chinese Maritime Customs
at Canton are having a
great deal of trouble in
keeping in place their lights on
the various buoys and
beacons, that are kept as aids to
navigation. These lamps, which
are mostly ordinary kerosene-
burning lights, are constantly
being stolen and taken away by
bandits. Whether this is done
simply to get a few lights for
nothing, or if it is really a deeper
and more sinister scheme to get
vessels stranded in order to have
them pirated later, is not known,
but it has been reported that only
about a week ago the sampan man
who is tending these lights was
held up and taken away into
captivity. It must be remembered,
however, that the wire cables
holding the buoys above the
second bar near Wuchow in place,
have at times been cut away and
stolen by the junks and lumber
raft people more because of the
greed and ignorance of these per-
sons than because there were any
piracies contemplated.

WISH WYNNE

DELAY IN APPEARANCE.

Mr. Ray has received a wireless
from the Wish Wynne Company
regretting that, owing to the rough
weather outside, they will not ar-
rive in time to appear at the Star
Theatre to-night, but that they
will be able to do so to-morrow.
A picture programme including a
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Stairways" starring Herbert
Rawlinson, will be shown instead.
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for another night.

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